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## "PRACTICAL IDEALISM."

WHAT RULES THE WORLD.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE TALKS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

WASHINGTON, September 24.

President Coolidge in his first public address since he became President, at the annual convention of the American Red Cross, declared that faith in things spiritual tempered with the common side was the kind of practical idealism reflected in the history of the United States. The American people were unlikely to adopt any other. This idealism was illustrated by the men who went to rescue Europe when the liberty of the world was at stake but who, after victory, retired from the field "unencumbered by spoils, independent, unattached and unbought."

Another illustration was the American response to the appeal for five million dollars for Japanese relief to which about double that sum was immediately contributed. Men were gradually learning that great wealth and a mighty army and navy were not the real rulers of the world, civilization relying more and more on moral force. It was the Red Cross application of this principle that made it such a tremendous success.

## RUMOURS OF REVOLT.

GERMAN GOVERNMENT CRITICISED.

BERLIN, September 24.

The Socialist group carried a resolution expressing disappointment in the Government and non-confidence in the Minister for Defence, Herr Gessler. The latter, defending his policy at a meeting of the Democratic party in Berlin and dealing with the rumours of impending revolt, declared that if it came to a fight with the Reichswehr he would execute his orders promptly.

## BLOODSHED AT LEIPZIG.

BERLIN, September 24.

Two persons were killed and eleven seriously injured in a collision near Leipzig between Communists and members of a Nationalist organisation known as the Stahlhelm.

## RHINELAND INDEPENDENCE CLAIMED.

PARIS, September 24.

According to messages from Wesbaden a meeting of 5,000 adherents of the Rhineland Republican party passed a resolution claiming the independence of the Rhineland and requesting Franco-Belgian help thereat.

## EARTHQUAKE EPIDEMIC.

PERSIA GETS A TURN.

TEHERAN, September 24.

Earthquake shocks on Thursday at Bujuurd in the province of Khorassan caused considerable damage. Several villages are reported to have been completely destroyed. The casualties hitherto are 123 dead and 100 injured. Shocks continue to be felt. Damage was also done at Shirwan.

SIMLA, September 14.

There was a severe earthquake at Kerman in Persia on September 23, the first shock lasting two minutes. There were four subsequent shocks during a period of ninety minutes. There was considerable damage to building but no loss of life.

## AMERICAN SHIPPING.

MERCHANT FLEET FAILURE.

WASHINGTON, September 24.

The Shipping Board has informed President Coolidge of its inability to suggest a plan for the profitable operation of the Government Merchant Fleet. It points out that owing to factors weighing against American shipping, the best thing lies in a reduction of losses to a minimum. The Board meanwhile is working on a compromise plan to replace the Lasker-Farley scheme which the Attorney General declared illegal.

## AMERICAN SEAPLANE WRECKED.

LONDON, September 24.

The American seven hundred horse-power Navy Wright, favourite for the Schneider International seaplane race at Cowes, on September 28, crashed into the sea near Portsmouth and was wrecked. The occupants were not hurt.

## CONTROLLED AREA.

EXCEEDING LIMIT.

Exceeding the speed limit in the controlled area at Aberdeen was the offence named on a summons taken out by the Traffic sub-department against Mr. W. Brown, the case being heard by Mr. C. D. Melbourne this morning.

Traffic Inspector W. Kent stated that defendant overtook the police motor-cycle whereas no machine should pass another in the controlled area.

Mr. F. G. Vaux, pleading guilty for Mr. Brown, said that the offence was due to defend his misunderstanding the police officer, who took his hand from the handlebars of the cycle, and interpreting it as a signal to pass on.

## GERMANY'S RUHR RESISTANCE.

PROS AND CONS DISCUSSED.

ABANDONMENT GENERALLY FAVOURED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

BERLIN, September 24.

Herr Stinnes was among the Ruhr representatives who to-day conferred with the Imperial Government as regards the question of the abandonment of passive resistance. Unofficially it is known that the majority of the delegates favoured abandonment on the ground that passive resistance had recently been benefiting the French more than the Germans and the financing thereof was using up paper marks to such an extent that it was literally impossible to produce them.

Herr Stresemann is now conferring with party leaders and State Premiers and will address the Reichstag on Friday. The papers point out that this is the most critical week since the Republic was created. All but the ultra-Nationalists admit the necessity of the abandonment of passive resistance.

## RESISTANCE TO END.

BERLIN, September 24.

In the course of the meeting of party leaders Herr Stresemann accepted the responsibility on behalf of the Government for ending passive resistance. Representatives of the occupied territories undertook to lead the population back to orderly work.

## STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.

MORE BALLOON RACE DEATHS.

BRUSSELS, September 24.

The American balloon U. S. Army S.6 participating in the Gordon-Bennett race was struck by lightning at Nestelrode in Dutch North Brabant. The two aeronauts were killed. The American balloon U. S. Navy 699 landed without mishap at Patten in Holland.

## HOW SPANISH DISASTER OCCURRED.

BRUSSELS, September 24.

How the disaster befell the Spanish balloon at Polar mentioned yesterday, is told by the surviving occupant, Mr. Gomes, who relates that they decided to descend in consequence of a violent storm when 350 feet from the earth. A peasant seized the guy rope but lacked extra assistance. The rainsoaked ballast began to drop out in lumps instead of gradually, resulting in the balloon suddenly bounding up 4,000 feet. A crash of thunder and a flash of lightning set the balloon alight. His companion collapsed in a heap and the balloon began to drop in flames. It crashed violently and Gomes was hurled out of the basket and broke his leg, being rescued by watching peasants. The Swiss balloon at Geneva was also struck by lightning and crashed with a tremendous impact. Six balloons, including the British one, are still unaccounted for.

## BRITISH BALLOON SAFE.

BRUSSELS, September 24.

The British balloon "Margaret" descended at sea 28 miles north west of Skagen, Denmark. The crew is safe. The balloon was towed into Gothenburg.

## UP AGAINST UNION.

NEW YORK'S PUGNACIOUS PRINTERS.

NEW YORK, September 24.

The paper-handlers and sheet straighteners who struck in sympathy with the local printers returned to work after the printers' refusal to obey the order of the International Pressmen's Union to return. Mr. Berry, President of the Union, says the Union proposes to bring in all the Union men from all the rest of the newspaper offices in the United States and Canada if necessary to put the New York newspapers on a normal basis. The Union will stop other newspapers if necessary so that the New York papers may be printed.

## ALLIED CURRENCIES.

HOPEFUL RECOVERY.

LONDON, September 24.

The feature of the exchange markets during the past fortnight has been the recovery of the value of allied currencies. The French franc is now 74 to the pound compared with 81 to 85 on the 8th inst. The Belgian and Italian currencies are respectively 84.60 compared with 99.55, and 99.12 compared to 104.34.

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JAPANESE RELIEF.  
LOCAL EFFORTS.

A meeting of the Hongkong Japanese Earthquake Disaster Relief Committee was held this morning, Mr. G. T. Edkins presiding.

The Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen took the opportunity of informing the Committee that the report which appeared in the *Telegraph* last night, quoted from a Manila paper, with regard to the atrocities in Japan, was absolutely untrue. As regards Mr. Morrison, he was not murdered; he was killed in an accident.

With reference to establish a floating base at Yokohama, it was stated that since the last meeting of the Committee messages had passed which intimated that the Kobe Foreign Board of Trade had chartered the "Nansun" and it was on its way to Yokohama. Pending the receipt of information as to when the ship would be available for relief work, the suggested guarantee towards expenses, promised by the Hongkong Committee, was held in abeyance.

## LADIES' COMMITTEE.

The Chairman said the Ladies' Committee, under the direction of Mrs. Wolfe, had been working very efficiently and effectively and had collected a total of some 3,000 articles, which had been put into cases and marked in accordance with their contents. The ladies who help were Mesdames Hirston, Beavis, Sayer, Roffey, Hornell, Sutcliffe, Cook, King, Redmond, and Blaker. The Committee decided to send a letter of appreciation to those ladies for their assistance.

It was mentioned that special arrangements had been made by the Japanese authorities for the reception of this clothing, which had been forwarded to Kobe.

It was reported that relief in money and kind had been supplied to about sixteen Europeans passing through on the "Dongola" who were amongst the first to leave Japan and who, in the pressure of work there had been unable to obtain little more clothing than that which they had on. The Chairman said he considered the help given had been usefully expended.

It was also stated that 100 tents, very promptly made by the Kowloon Dock Company, had been forwarded to Japan by the "Hirana Maru."

As decided at the last meeting, a sub-committee had been formed in Japan and had sent the Committee a great deal of useful information. A message from them stated that the principal need of the Japanese at the present time was help in the form of necessities. The Chinese had ample food supplies, but required blankets and warm clothing for those repatriating in Japan and money to repatriate those returning to China. There were about 1,400 Chinese refugees in Osaka, Kobe and Nagasaki, besides about 2,000 students and labourers in Tokyo. The sub-committee suggested a contribution of yen 10,000 to the local Chinese Fund. The Indians were amply provided for, the message stated, by their own organisations. Foreign clothing was required and later money would be needed to provide sustenance and for repatriating foreign refugees of all nationalities. The cost of transporting 200 Russians to various places would probably fall on the foreign Relief Committee.

It was reported by the Japanese representatives on the Hongkong Committee that some \$30,000 had been collected locally by the Japanese.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. W. B. Walker, it was agreed to remit 100,000 Yen to the Relief Bureau in Tokyo and mention that it included \$30,000 collected by the Japanese in Hongkong.

Mr. Ho Kwong reported that the Chinese had collected locally about \$36,000 and had remitted to Kobe two sums of 5,000 Yen each. Also they had given several hundreds of refugees small sums of money to assist them in getting home, which came to about \$20,000 extra. The night boats had given free passages to all refugees. Another 500 were expected shortly and the Chinese were informed that there were still about 1,000 refugees who would be coming southward to either Hongkong or Shanghai. The balance in hand of the Chinese fund was now \$5,300.

The Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen: I propose that we remit \$10,000 more for the benefit of Chinese still in Tokyo.

The Hon. Mr. Holyoak seconded and this was carried with an out-standing feature of the distress caused by the disaster was the fact that a great many foreigners—British and others—with business

MOON FEAST.  
LOCAL FESTIVAL.

Firecrackers in various parts of the Colony will remind Europeans that to-day is the 15th of the 8th moon which is the Mid-autumn Festival or Moon Feast.

Tradition places its origin about 2,150 B.C. when lived the famous archer-emperor *Hou Yi* (Hou Yi in Chinese). He shot nine of the ten suns illuminating the heavens when the sun-god sought him to make a bull's-eye of the tenth. For this boon he was given a potion which would make him immortal with a home in the sky. Before he could take the potion which had to be prepared in an urn at night with devout prayers, a nagavai, a naughty concubine by name of *Shang Yee* drained the urn while her spouse slept through the watch-night service. Light as a fairy the woman fled to the moon to escape the archer's wrath. Every year she returns to mother earth and moon-cakes are eaten in her honour.

This episode has been commercialised into a favourite stage-play, being one of the star-features of Mei Lan Fang's repertoire. Mei will be re-appeared as the famous Northern actor who was down here last year. The legend has been slightly lengthened and ended with Hou Yi being thrown out of the Moon after a hot pursuit of his concubine.

It is a harvest festival in that the moon-shaped cakes with wonderful ingredients are made months ahead of the festival and shipped to all parts of the world where Chinese are to be found. Children delight in these delicacies. Another aspect is the making and sale of beautiful lanterns with which Chinatown will be decorated to-night.

Actually the men-folk take little note of the religious side of the festival except to organise a blow-out at West Point. Schools and various working guilds make a holiday of it and it is also one of the four settlement days in Chinese business circles. The women, of course, must "chin-chin" too.

This year there is the added interest of the rumour-mongers who predict that to-day will see the end of the world or at least some great disaster by fire or water. The amount of faith the average Chinese places in it can be gauged by the decorations in the West Point restaurants.

interests of varying importance had gained their livelihood in Japan and, having now lost everything, were no doubt in extreme distress. As soon as it was indicated to the Committee that relief of this kind was needed he thought they should be prepared to give a prompt response. The best means, of course, was to put these people in the way of re-establishing their business. Perhaps it would be as well to let the sub-committee in Japan know that the committee was prepared to support them when they made definite recommendations.

The Consul-General at Kobe recently telegraphed "Suggest apply certain portion relief fund for British destitute merchants."

Mr. Sutherland asked as to the availability of the Mansion House Fund.

The Hon. Mr. Stephen said that the case for substantial grants for this purpose from the Fund was being strongly pressed in London by Sir Newton Stubb and the Chief Manager of the Chartered Bank.

In this connection the Committee considered a telegram asking for a grant to Masonic bodies in aid of relief of members rendered destitute.

It was felt that if grants were made to societies a great many such applications would be received, with grave danger of overlapping, and it would be better therefore for cases of destitution amongst foreigners to be dealt with direct by the relief committees in Japan.

It was decided to put the question in this light before the Kobe Relief Committee.

Mr. Walker intimated that, according to reports received, Kobe was severely congested with materials of all kinds sent by way of relief and it was decided not to ship any further consignments except after advice from the sub-committee in Japan.

Acknowledgement was made of contributions of \$3,500 subscribed in Canton, and of \$700 by Hoihow residents, and it was reported that the local expenditure now amounted to \$118,000, leaving a balance in hand of \$247,000.

The Chairman remarked that relief work might be expected to become even more urgent in the winter. The reports he was getting in business letters tended to show that the devastation had not been exaggerated at all and Tokyo had been more badly damaged than the newspaper reports indicated.

The opinion of the committee was that funds must be conserved as far as possible with a view to meeting future needs.

AMMUNITION.  
STACKS OF IT.

BIG SEIZURE.

In spite of the ingenuity displayed in smuggling arms on board trans-Pacific liners and the plans to conceal them, important seizures are made from time to time. When the s.s. "President McKinley" arrived on Sunday evening, Sergeant and State of the Water Police made a haul comprising 49 Mauser pistols, 27 revolvers and 8,500 rounds of ammunition.

Two men were charged before Mr. J. R. Ward this morning in connection with the seizure, one being described as a porter and the other as a warehouseman.

Outlining the case, Acting Inspector Spear said that the police on arms search duty were issued with blue overalls. On the receipt of information Sergeant Spear proceeded to the first-class cabins. As he was going along the alleyway past cabin No. 114, he saw the first defendant emerge with a pillow-case used as a bag. Following the porter into cabin No. 120, the officer found the bag to contain ammunition.

Shortly afterwards the second defendant appeared at the door and was hauled in. He also had a bag which contained arms and ammunition. The Captain and Purser arrived in response to the sergeant's call for help and the two bags were found to contain 2,000 rounds and 10 Mausers. A return was made to cabin No. 114, which was then empty. A screw-driver and a piece of white board on the floor aroused the sergeant's suspicions. The partition separating the cabin from the bathroom was found to have a hole and on looking through it stacks of ammunition could be seen under the berth. Some other arms were discovered under the berth.

Mr. W. B. Hind, for the defence, applied for a remand and bail, the latter being granted in the sum of \$15,000 for each defendant.

## PIRACY.

CARGO LOOTED.

Further evidence of the slackness of the Chinese authorities in coping with piracy in the river delta is forthcoming in a report of a piracy which has just come to hand. A launch towing two junks was held up and the marauders were on the trading craft for 55 hours without being interfered with. Cargo valued at \$40,000, comprising 4500 bags of rice and 28 bags of vermicelli, was openly removed in a busy locality near the silk centre.

The coxswain's story is that he left Hongkong for Samshui at 6 a.m. on the 16th. At 5 a.m. on the 17th he was near Sa Ma Ling in the Shun Tak district when two boats, each manned by six men armed with revolvers, challenged him. Resistance was useless and the launch crew were driven into the engine-room. Thirty more pirates appeared to help unload the junks and when all the cargo had been removed by noon on the 17th, the launch was released. The shippers were the Yue Woo Loong, a Nam Pak Hong firm.

## CRICKET.

TRIAL GAME NEXT SATURDAY.

The following teams will play next Saturday in a trial game on the H.K.C.C. ground, commencing at 2.15 p.m.—G. R. Sayer (Capt), R. E. A. Webster, R. H. Wild, R. F. Walker, J. N. Owen; L. D. McNicoll, W. W. Mackenzie, C. V. Mark, A. E. Hollands, G. M. Dorkins, and A. R. F. Raven.

E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt), H. Owen Hughes, A. C. I. Bowker, L. McMasker, G. R. Moore, T. G. Bennett, W. Gallaway, G. H. Percy, R. Y. Saunders, H. H. Day, J. R. Way and J. P. Bridger.

## WATER POLO.

TO-NIGHT'S MATCH AT V.R.C.

At the V.R.C. swimming pool to-night the R.G.A. (A) team are playing the return match with the V.R.C. (A) team. The Chub, it is understood, will be unable to put a full strength team in the water and are relying on two of the second string.

The game starts at 9 p.m. Mr. T. Meek is to referee.

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**THE TWENTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING** of the above Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2 Lower Albert Road, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 5th day of October, 1923, at Noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to 31st July 1923.

**THE TRANSFER BOOKS** of the Company will be closed from 27th September to 5th October, 1923, both days inclusive.

By Order,

M. MANUK, Secretary.  
Hongkong, 19th September, 1923.

**THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Share Register and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 1st to 8th October 1923 (both days inclusive).

Warrants for the Interim Dividend can be obtained at the Office of the Company, 2 Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on and after the 8th prox.

By Order of the Board,

E. COOK, Acting Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, September 17, 1923.

**DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.**

**THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING** of the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, 20, Des Voeux Road, Central on TUESDAY, the 2nd of October, 1923, at 11 A.M.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 22nd of September to 2nd of October both days inclusive.

DOUGLAS LARRAIK & CO., General Managers.  
Hongkong, 13th September, 1923.

**THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.**

**THE FOURTH GYMKHANA MEETING** will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley, on SATURDAY, 6th, and MONDAY 8th October 1923 commencing 3.15 p.m. each day.

The Charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1. Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price.

Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each member has the right of introducing 2 non-members to the members' enclosure, tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Linfield & Davis at 85/- each up to FRIDAY October 5th.

The Stewards invite the Ladies of Hongkong to be present.

Hongkong, September 24, 1923.

**HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.**

**MEMBERS** are reminded that ENTRIES for the FOURTH GYMKHANA to be held on the 6th and 8th October, 1923, close on SATURDAY next, the 22nd inst.

Hongkong, 18th September, 1923.

**HONGKONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.**

**THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of Members will be held in the City Hall on FRIDAY, 28th inst., at 5.45 p.m.

By Order,

D. K. BLAIR, Hon. Secretary.  
Hongkong, 17th September, 1923.

RATTAN GOODS.

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MAIL WEEK NEWS.

ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

Mr. J. R. A. Stryan, a member of the Sunningdale Golf Club, won the Bar Tournament at Rye, defeating Mr. F. S. A. Baker, of the same club, by 3 and 1.

At Sotheby's on July 2 the last but one, still in private hands in England, of the famous Latin Vulgate Bibles, issued from Gutenberg's press at Mainz between 1453 and 1455, will be put up to auction. The volume comes from the collection of the late Lord Caryfort.

In the course of a speech at Biddulph, Staffordshire, Mr. F. Hodges, secretary of the Miners' Federation, described the situation in the coal industry as grave in the extreme. He strongly urged the miners to concentrate on the Parliamentary method to secure justice rather than by means of a strike.

Returning to her cottage in Shetland after a short absence, Joan Ramsay, an old-age pensioner, found that her bullock had entered and set the dwelling on fire. She tried to save the animal, which perished in the flames, and she was found lying unconscious on the doorstep. Only a spinning-wheel was saved.

At the conference of the National Union of Clerks at Scarborough it was stated that between 1911 and 1921 women clerks in London increased by 192 per cent. Compared with an increase of 12 per cent by men, and there was now as many women as men clerks in the metropolis.

A delayed message from Amman, Trans-Jordan, records the British recognition of the full independence of the country, and in the name of King George and the Government Sir Herbert Samuel offered cordial congratulations to the Emir Abdullah and the people of Trans-Jordan.

The Palestine Government has issued a statement to the effect that it must not be assumed that there will be any change in the political status of Palestine following the announcement of the King of the Hedjaz that he has concluded a treaty with Great Britain providing for the establishment of an Arab Confederation.

No abatement is recorded of the acute tension between Hindus and Moslems in Amritsar. The boycott is now at its height, and each party abstains from purchasing from the shops of the other. Another Akali outrage is reported from Hoshiarpur, where the headman, a loyal servant of the Government, and his brother were murdered in cold blood.

The War Office denied a report that secret wireless code-books had been lost.

Rome prepared great celebrations for the 2,676th anniversary of the foundation of the city.

Milo Lenglen was among the successful finalists in the World's Hard Court Championships at St. Cloud.

The Victorian wheat yield amounted to 35,700,000 bushels, a decrease of more than 8,000,000 bushels.

After travelling more than 12,000 miles for her wedding, Miss Mildred Peters, a classical dancer, has been married in London to Dr. Robley H. J. Browne, a ship's surgeon, formerly surgeon captain R.N. She came from New Zealand, where for a year she gave dancing exhibitions.

Some men pulling down an old house at Naples have discovered two beautiful white marble columns, without capitals, on a sculptured base of stone. The columns are considered to have originally belonged to a round Roman temple dedicated to the goddess Vesta. It is expected that other antiquities will be found in the basement of the building.

Mrs. Ida May Edwards, of Manchester, summoned for ill-treating and exposing her 4-month-old child during the recent perambulator race from London to Brighton, and her husband, summoned for aiding and abetting, again failed to appear at Brighton Police Court and the magistrates issued warrants for their arrest.

Now that the London season has started, "Polly," Guy's melodious opera, is drawing most cosmopolitan audiences to the Savoy Theatre. Every night a large proportion of the stalls is filled by American visitors, while most of the principal nations of both hemispheres are well represented. Japanese "Polly" lovers are numerous.

A shipment of drugs from Germany consigned to Montreal, valued at \$100,000, has been seized in mid-Atlantic. Smugglers waited with an aeroplane at Halifax, Nova Scotia, to take a portion across the American border. They vanished when the plot was foiled as the result of the arrest of Germans at sea through a clue furnished by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Speaking at a London conference, Mr. R. L. Outhwaite, opposing the principle of compensation, declared that Lord Howard de Walden would receive in compensation under the scheme proposed in the Land Nationalisation Bill, £13,687,000, and the Duke of Westminster £50,000,000. Six coal-owners would receive in compensation £25,000,000.

M. Japy, secretary at the French Embassy in London, has been appointed Chargé d'Affaires in Bucharest (Rumania).

Three electrically driven steamers for carrying fruit are being constructed at Birkenhead for a United States company.

Earl Beauchamp, Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, has appointed the Earl of Ypres as Captain of Deal Castle, an office Lord George Hamilton has resigned.

Owing to a severe outbreak of cholera at Basra and Abadan, Mesopotamia, intending visitors to that country are postponing their departure from India.

During a bull fight in a village square near Salamanca, Spain, the roof of the church collapsed and a number of the 80 persons inside the building were killed or injured.

Inspector John Findon, "Father" of Brighton police force, who is about to retire, claims never to have been absent from duty through sickness during 30 years' service.

The two Roman Catholic priests, Fathers McHugh and Ward, who were the only foreigners in Tsao-shih, China, when it was attacked by bandits, have arrived at Hankow safely.

Mr. J. T. Warren (palace steward) represented the King at the funeral of Mr. A. E. Allenby, the late telephone operator at Buckingham Palace, at Nunhead, S.E.

Devereux-court gate and other gates in the Temple, E.C., which were closed at the beginning of the Long Vacation, are being reopened by order of the Benchers of the Middle Temple.

The names of the green, the copper, and the golden pheasants have been added to the schedule to the Importation of Plumage (Prohibition) Act, 1921, by virtue of the Importation of Plumage (No. 2) Order, 1922.

Lord Birkenhead left in the "Mauretani" for the United States and Canada, where he will lecture to the American and Canadian Bar Associations on European constitutional development since the war.

At the long-wool sale at Lincoln, the best run in the show was sold for 6s. 6d. per lb., though a few years ago a similar winner would have made 1,000 guineas. Fewer than a third of the rams exhibited were sold.

At a Cardiff meeting the Rev. J. Philip Rogers, a Congregational minister, in condemning gambling, said he had heard that even the boys in the galleries at Rhonda Valley chapels would bet on the numbers of the hymns given out.

THE PROPOSED CHINESE CONFERENCE.

With the departure of many of the voracious and volatile members of Parliament from Shanghai, in search of payments elsewhere, and with the agreement between the military commanders that there shall be no hostilities in this neighbourhood, normal conditions have been ruling more or less of late in this commercial centre. But by the arrival during the past week of two celebrated guests, political interest has been again revived, and the local situation once more bristles with possibilities.

The first arrival was Sir Robert Ho Tung, whose name is closely associated with the proposed plan of a "round-table" conference of all parties, to seek and find a cure for China's ills—a proposal which commands itself to most outside observers. His idea is unification by peaceful methods, as opposed to what is called the "disordered dream" of General Wu Pei-fu, of unification by force. Wu is reported to be urging the arsenals to supply him with more munitions with which to compel Szechwan and Hunan to follow the Northern party, in pursuance of his scheme; we see no hope of success along that line.

The more sensational arrival has been that of the ex-President, Li Yuan-hung. This has been talked of as a possibility for weeks past, and it might have been more effective if it had taken place when there were more M.P.s at Shanghai than there are now; it remains to be seen whether the delay until so many members had returned to Peking was a wise or a mistaken move on Li's part. His arrival has caused a flutter of excitement, and he was warmly received as an individual, and also as an opponent to the scheme of the Chihli party to rush Tsao Kun into the Presidency. Friendly greetings and visits were exchanged among notables who had been more or less estranged of late, and this was all to the good. But when Li Yuan-hung began to say that he still considered himself President, and expressed the hope of being able to gather a Government to function at Shanghai, a coolness at once sprang up, and the wranglings of the past were revived.

Li is strong in his assertions that he is seeking a peaceful solution of the present difficulties; his record enables us to believe that he is sincere in this avowal. He will, however, find little support from Chinese for his claim still to be considered President, and he would do wisely to waive that point in his quest for peace. In the present parlous state of things, the presidency is not a matter of first importance; the ending of anarchy, a return to constitutional government, and the establishment of a self-respecting and serious Parliament, with members uncorrupted by the shameful venality so prominent of late, these are the most urgent needs, and anything which hinders serious attention being given to them is to be avoided for the present. We venture to say that little real harm has resulted to China by reason of her being without a President for the past three months; the lawless outrages, the chaotic conditions, the political chicanery and ineptitude have very seriously harmed China's prestige and credit, and it is these matters which will demand first attention. There

RIVER DIVERTED.

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To recover the body of a twelve-year-old boy, who was accidentally drowned, a construction company, at great expense, altered the course of a river. The boy, Clyde Patnoe, by name, says a San Francisco correspondent, fell into the Yuba River and was swept over a thirty-foot fall. Because of the rush of water it was impossible to recover the body.

The boy was the only child of a widowed mother. She was eyewitness to his death, and tried to throw herself into the river, but was restrained.

Engaged in hydro-electric development work along the river were engineers, and working crews of the Pacific Gas and Electric Corporation. They were preparing to harness for electrical power the same falls over which the boy was swept. They child had played among the workmen, and hardly a labourer or engineer but had known him. When Mrs. Patnoe knelt before them on the river bank and prayed that God might permit her once more to hold the broken body in her arms, the officials reached a decision to divert the river's course.

Engineers quickly planned the feat, and the men worked night and day with steam shovels, dynamite, picks, and wheelbarrows to carry out the plans.

Thousands of tons of earth were moved, the Yuba's course was turned into a new channel, and the boy's body was recovered from between jagged rocks just below the falls.

The river has gone back into its old channel, and the Pacific Gas and Electric Company has set down an item of more than \$5,000 on the red ink side of its ledger. That is what it cost to recover the body of Clyde Patnoe.

is not likely to be agreement on appointment of a President or a Cabinet until there is an honest attempt to unite the country in essentials, and this must be done by constitutional means, and peacefully if the work is to last.

As Sir Robert Ho Tung and Li Yuan-hung are both seeking peaceful solutions, it would be a brave step in the right direction if they could co-operate and become the centre of the movement for unification by consent and arbitration. Marshal Tsao Kun's ambitions have been dashed for the present, and he would do well to join with others in the proposed Conference and plan for the good of the whole country instead of working for the Chihli faction alone. Wu Pei-fu will not achieve the results he hoped and that he is in danger of being isolated; he, too, had better come into the Conference. Chang Tso-lin and Sun Yat-sen favour the plan, and if we read the signs rightly there is a general weariness of deadlock and a reasonable way out would be welcomed all round—Shanghai Times.

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### The China Mail

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, SEPT. 25, 1923.

#### OUR LIGHTHOUSE.

Mighty oaks are not the result of the quick development of the simple acorn, but the result of years of steady and upward growth reaching to sturdiness and a sense of strength and beauty which arrests the imagination and makes the mind to ponder. This fact should be borne in mind in any criticism, hasty or otherwise, levelled at our own University. Dr. Lim Boon Keng was exceptionally happy in describing it as a Lighthouse—a Lighthouse that was to shed its rays over the troubled waters of the East, and to be a guiding beacon to all who appreciated to the full the benefits of a western standard of education. It is natural that the idea of the Hongkong University was first mooted, should take an abiding interest in the Hongkong University, and everything that tends to its greater success. A decade has gone by since the doors of the University were opened and since then students have passed through its portals to imbibe as best they can, the teachings of those best qualified to teach and to hand on the torch of learning with its flame undimmed. The early pioneers of the University were all men of vision. We think of a former Governor, happily still alive, who in season and out of season preached the University and fostered and furthered it with obvious sincerity. Sir Frederick Lugard saw the need; with him it was the dream and the business, and ably assisted by such men as the late Sir Kai Ho Kai, and with the financial backing of

men like Mody and Swire, the walls of the University rose at West Point until to-day they prove a landmark and a light to which many have been drawn, and will we hope, be drawn in increasing numbers as the years roll on until the place becomes the Mecca of students from all over China. Ten years is not an inconsiderable portion of time in the life of a University; it is but a moment of time. Rome was not built in a day and the great Universities of the world did not achieve the power and position they hold to-day in a year or two. Still there is sufficient to indicate in which way the University is shaping its course and if it is meeting the need that its founders hoped it would meet. Only those who are actively engaged in its work can adequately supply the answers to the question which arise in the mind. It was therefore a happy thought on the part of our representative in his interview with the Vice-Chancellor, Sir William Brunsford, K.C.M.G., which we were privileged to give in our Saturday's issue, to enquire if, in Sir William's opinion, the University is justifying itself. Justifying is a difficult word. All sorts of other questions may arise out of it. Sir William was briefly confident. He replied in the affirmative, and added a statement which is the only possible one to substantiate any postulation that the University is making good. The success of any manufactory must depend upon the goods it produces, and if we liken the University to a manufactory, the question must be asked of what quality are the "goods" in the shape of students, which the University is turning out. The Vice-Chancellor's words are: "Our graduates have been making a most

favourable impression, wherever they have gone" and this is not to be wondered at seeing that the standard of examination is based on that of the London University, recognised as one of the most difficult in the whole world of University education. The University has had its own peculiar difficulties and problems to meet, and doubtless as time goes on these will not decrease. There is the question of an efficient staff to cope with increase of students; the need for expansion as the years go by, and the further and absolute need for endowments to enable them in control to look to the future with confidence, free from unnecessary worry. We look forward then with a considerable degree of hope feeling sure that our Lighthouse will continue to shine more brightly than it ever has done and to be a source of pride and pleasure to all those who value the enduring things of life.

#### The Moller Matter.

It is difficult to nail a lie or a rumour once it has been let loose. This has been more than demonstrated by the references which have appeared in the Home papers regarding this Moller matter and particularly the Hongkong Government's alleged sharp practice. First there was a pointed reference in *Truth* which bears an honourable name. We imagine that as soon as *Truth* is acquainted with the true facts of the matter it will be as ready to publish the correct version as it was to publish the version which was given to it as "Gossip." Then there comes along a paper which caused we believe some offence to its big brother, by dubbing itself, the Penny *Truth*, none other than "John Bull." This paper is not now under the care of that world's modest man Horatio Bottomley Esq., but still bearing its British title of "John Bull"—a title which suggests at least honesty, is able to attract to its columns such writers and publicists as Lord Bickenhead, A. G. Gardiner, Rev. J. R. Campbell, Sir John Foster Fraser, Arnold Bennett, etc. The latest issue of the penny (it is now a tuppenny) *Truth*, has something to say on the Moller business under the heading "Captain Kidd Up-to-date." It is "a sensational and scathing indictment of Government profiteering," which "is undoubtedly one of the most effective official tricks on record." These "tricks" are said to have been brought to the notice of "John Bull" by "British Settlers in Hongkong" who "are ashamed, these Englishmen, of the cunning devices that have been resorted to" and they modestly ask that paper "to remove a stigma to British rule abroad by making the facts public." Let us suppose that at the beginning of these "British Settlers" were then assured of the truthfulness of the information they laid before "John Bull"; that they literally burned with anger at what they conceived to be the perfidy of our local Government. Let us suppose that these aforesaid "British Settlers" are all honourable men, and that once having been assured that the Government here, and particularly the Colonial Secretary, is blameless in the matter, they will, with equal candour, put "John Bull" wise to the facts. They have had full opportunities of becoming aware of the true conditions. We of the *China Mail* have made it our business to get at the facts and have published the Colonial Secretary's answers to questions of a searching character—questions which leave no possible room for doubt. On top of this there has been the Colonial Secretary's letter to the *North China Daily News*, admitted by local wavering ones to settle the matter once and for all. We have here urged the Government to have a Publicity Bureau. Had there been such a Bureau it could have done useful service in smashing these newspaper lies, although we never imagined it would need to be called in for use for such a purpose.

#### Well Done Young China!

Even more satisfactory reading than yesterday's cable news of a decisive victory in the fourth test match are, from a wider standpoint, the comments on the Chinese Soccer team's visit to Australia penned by the Sydney correspondent of the *North China Daily News*. He confirms the truth of what the *China Mail* predicted in its parting advice to the players just before they left Hongkong two months ago. It was pointed out to them then that the manner of their reception would depend upon the way they behaved on the field and off and that they would find public interest in Soccer not very great but the general curiosity about themselves extraordinarily keen. Writing after their first fixture in which they drew with the New South Wales team, the Sydney correspondent says that the visit of the Chinese team was to Australia "a unique event in

the history of sport." It was certainly, he goes on to point out, "a most interesting episode in the eyes of the inhabitants of the Island Continent, for numbers of them have very vague notions as to what kind of a place China is. To thousands it means nothing more than a land from which come exports of tea, silk and market gardeners; hence, the appearance of a football team hailing from that strange country away to the north was hailed with expressions of amusement by many of the Australians." It appears that the crowd which turned up to see the first fixture was a record for a football match in the whole continent and so keen were people to see the Chinese in action that "the gates had to be closed by order of the police about three-quarters of an hour before the advertised time for starting and thus thousands of would-be spectators were kept outside. This enormous 'gate' was all the more remarkable when we remember that in Australia the 'drilling code' occupies a very lowly position in comparison with the Rugby game. Doubtless, however, a large number of spectators looked forward to an afternoon's fun in which patches of good play would be interlarded with that of the comic opera type. To say that they received a surprise is to put the case very mildly." The *China Mail* wrote that these young men would "give the Australians their first glimpse of enlightened young China and, provided they comport themselves properly in all things, it will not be a bit surprising if one result of their tour is to blunt the edge of the rather pronounced prejudice against the Chinese race which the apostles of the 'White Australia' doctrine have engendered and carefully nurtured." How encouraging an advance has been made in this direction may be gathered from the Sydney man's comment that every piece of good play on the part of the Chinese was cheered to the echo, "for the Australians had already taken the foreigners to their hearts," and his summing up that "the visit of the Chinese team has been the outstanding feature of this present football season, and its good effects should be far-reaching, for they will not be confined to the realm of sport."

#### Vaccination.

Our new Vaccination Ordinance has been passed and those who have conscientious objections regarding vaccination had better consider their position, for non-observance of its clauses may mean a fine of \$250 and/or six months' imprisonment. Perhaps we do not possess conscientious objectors to vaccination. We draw attention again to this Ordinance and also to the views of the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Gloucester. There has been an epidemic of small-pox in Gloucester—a very bad epidemic we should say and it has moved his "divine" to say things. Here are some of the things to which he has given utterance:—

I think an epidemic of this sort is a judgment, but it is a judgment for neglect to obey God's law and to fulfil His will, and the right thing for us to do is to change our conduct. We are to ask what are the causes of this outbreak and then to try and remedy them.

The chief cause, most definitely, is the neglect or refusal to be vaccinated. To refuse to be vaccinated is, I believe, wrong from a religious point of view.

A contemporary has been moved to comment on this as follows:— "This authoritative information that God is cognizant of vaccination, and approves of it so highly that He will visit His displeasure on those who, by failing to submit to inoculation, 'neglect to obey God's law and to fulfil His will,' is late in coming, but it was to have been expected. Manufacturers of vaccine virus and other serums, and the doctors, will rejoice now that they have the Bishop of Gloucester definitely citing God as their inspiration and partner. Perhaps some other prelate may be willing to predict divine wrath for the temerarious individual who fails to take his whiskey and quinine regularly. We take a little comfort to ourselves in thinking, that as we have been vaccinated several times we are not 'wrong from a religious point of view.'"

#### To-day's Poem.

(*Truth*.)  
I prayed the Gods to let me see,  
The greatest truth Eternity  
May have in store for sages.  
The answer soon came back to me,  
That it is "Change shall changeless  
be."

Which hath been known for ages.

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September 25.—Star Theatre; Frank Mayo in "The First Degree." September 25.—World Theatre; Lew Cody in "The Beloved Cheater."

September 25.—Theatre Royal; Bandman Comedy Co. presents "Paddy, The Next Best Thing," 9.15 p.m.

September 26.—World Theatre; Florence Vidor in "Alice Adams." September 26.—Theatre Royal; Bandman Comedy Co. presents "Secrets," 9.15 p.m.

September 27.—Theatre Royal; Bandman Comedy Co. presents "The Naughty Wife," 9.15 p.m.

September 28.—Theatre Royal; Bandman Comedy Co. presents "Windows," 9.15 p.m.

September 29.—Theatre Royal; Bandman Comedy Co. presents "Peg O' My Heart," 9.15 p.m.

October 1.—Theatre Royal; Bandman Comedy Co. presents "The Dippers," 9.15 p.m.

October 2.—Theatre Royal; Bandman Comedy Co. presents "The Laughing Lady," 9.15 p.m.

September 29.—Hongkong Polo Club Keasick Cup—Shanghai v Hongkong—at Causeway Bay, 4.45 p.m.

October 6-8.—Hongkong Jockey Club's fourth Gymkhana.

#### AUCTIONS.

September 25.—Lammett Bros., at Duddell Street, woollen yarns, etc., 11 a.m.

September 25.—Lammett Bros., at 39 Humphreys Bldgs, Hanoi Road, Kowloon, a large quantity of valuable household furniture, 2.45 p.m.

October 1.—Lammett Bros. at "The Falls," No. 82, The Peak, 11 a.m.

October 4.—Lammett Bros., at the premises of the Hongkong Steel Foundry Co., Ltd., (Shaokwan Road) the complete foundry plant, 10.30 a.m.

#### MEETINGS.

September 28.—Annual general meeting of Hongkong St. Andrew's Society, 5.45 p.m.

October 2.—Ordinary general meeting of Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Offices, 20, Des Voeux Road, 11 a.m.

October 5.—Twenty-seventh ordinary annual meeting of the Dairy Farm, Ice & Cold Storage Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Town Office, 2, Lower Albert Road, noon.

#### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Admiral Oriental Liner "President Jackson" sailed from Seattle on September 11 and is due at this port on October 2.

The Admiral Oriental Line's s.s. "Bakersfield" sailed from Seattle on the 15th instant and is due at this port on or about October 18.

The s.s. "Yueng Sang" built to the order of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. by the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co. Ltd. is to be launched on Saturday next.

The Mounted Section of the Volunteer Corps had a field day on Sunday. The assembling place was at Wanchai Gap, at 9 a.m., and there was a full turn-out. The section was under the command of Lieut. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, and amongst those present at the assembling point were Major General Sir John Fowler, G.O.C. China Command, Lieut.-Col. Bird, Major Trench and Captain Cross. The scheme, which was outlined by Capt. Cross, was put into effect between Wanchai Gap and Wong Nei Chung Gap, and was carried out most satisfactorily. Many points were brought to bear during the tactics which were most instructive, and at the close of the practices the Company rode down to Deep Water Bay, where tiffin was provided.

#### SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Bunji and Mr. G. J. Lee were passengers on the incoming "President McKinley."

Mr. G. F. I. Quarles Van Ufford, Mr. C. G. Alabaster, Mr. W. J. Carroll and Mr. P. M. Hodgson were passengers on the outgoing "President McKinley."

The Hongkong Ladies Benevolent Society appeal to the public for assistance. The funds of the Society have been seriously depleted owing to the number of repatriations and other relief work having been greatly in excess of previous years. Any donation, however small, will be gratefully received by the Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. Elliott, 137A, The Peak.

#### CHINA CONFERENCE.

DR. WELLINGTON KOO APPROVES.

Sir Robert Ho Tung has received the following letter from Dr. Wellington Koo, the Foreign Minister at Peking:

Waichiao, Peking, September 3rd, 1923.  
SIR ROBERT HO TUNG,  
Idlewild, 8 Seymour Road, Hongkong.

MY DEAR SIR ROBERT,—I have received your interesting letter of July 30th last. I saw in the local papers the telegram of your interview to the *Reuter's* Hongkong correspondent, wherein you advocated a round-table conference of the principal leaders in China with the object of reaching a common understanding towards *modus vivendi*. Your suggestion made a favourable impression here at the time.

I quite see that if such a conference can be brought about it will go a long way towards solving the problem of national reunification. I gladly give my personal approval and am hoping that your efforts will ultimately be crowned with success.—With kindest regards, Yours very sincerely,  
(Sd.) V. K. WELLINGTON KOO.

#### SUPPORT FROM SHANGHAI.

SHANGHAI, September 21. The Chinese Chamber of Commerce unanimously resolved to support Sir Robert Ho Tung's "Round Table" Conference.

The Chamber invites all the provincial Chambers of Commerce also to support the scheme.—*Courtesy Daily Bulletin.*

#### WHO'S WHO.

#### CHANGES ON CHINA COAST.

Captain R. H. G. Ashby, from reserve, has gone master, "Shengking."

Captain A. E. Edwards, of the "Shengking," has gone master, "Tatung."

Captain J. Meathrel, of the "Tatung," has gone master, "Whangpa."

Mr. A. Pearce, chief officer, "Hanyang," is on leave. Mr. D. McPherson, from reserve, has gone acting chief officer, "Hanyang."

Mr. W. Peplow, chief officer, "Tatung," is on reserve. Mr. W. F. Davis, second officer, "Tatung," has gone acting chief officer, same ship.

Mr. D. Glanoff, from reserve, has gone acting second officer, "Tatung."

Captain N. H. Leitch, of the "Kiangsu," has gone master, "Luchow."

Mr. W. Shaw, from leave, has gone chief officer, "Luchow."

Captain C. C. Williams, from reserve, has gone master, "Woo-sung."

Mr. J. L. Leslie, third engineer, "Luchow," is on reserve.

Mr. E. A. M. Dubois, third engineer, "Chungking," has gone third engineer, "Luchow."

Mr. W. M. Ruxton, chief officer, "Pingwo," has gone chief officer, "Fuho."

Mr. W. A. Kernan, from reserve, has gone acting chief officer, "Taksang."

Mr. C. M. Cates, chief officer, "Taksang," has gone chief officer, "Pingwo."

Captain W. R. Bateman, from leave, has gone master, "Tungshing."

Mr. O. V. W. R. Basham, acting master, "Tungshing," is on leave.

Mr. W. Brewer, chief officer, "Kumsang," is on reserve.

Mr. S. Schofield, third officer, "Kumsang," has gone third officer, "Kwaisang."

Mr. J. T. C. Crawley, third officer, "Kwaisang," is on reserve.

Mr. B. E. Bidwell, from reserve, has gone acting chief officer, "Chunsang." Mr. J. G. Davies, chief officer, "Chunsang," is on reserve.

Mr. A. Jackson, second engineer, "Yuensang," has gone second engineer, "Loongwo."

Mr. W. T. Bould, second engineer, "Loongwo," is on leave.

Mr. M. H. Blaise, second officer, "Kiangteen," has gone acting chief officer, "Hsinming."

Mr. W. Philip, chief officer, "Hsinming," has gone acting master, "Kwangtah."

Captain N. McLean, of the "Kwangtah," has resigned.

Mr. H. M. Hansen has been appointed second officer, "Kiangteen."

Mr. A. Dwinger has been appointed second officer, "Kwangtah."

Mr. A. R. Smith, acting master, "Tseangtah," has gone Chief Officer, same ship. Mr. J. W. McLeod, chief officer, "Tseangtah," is on reserve.

Captain O. C. Brown, from leave, has gone master, "Tseangtah."

Rheumatism.

Have you ever tried Chamberlain's Pain Balm for rheumatism? If not you are wasting time, as the longer this disease runs on the harder to cure. Get a bottle to-day, apply it with a vigorous massage to the afflicted parts and you will be surprised and delighted at the relief obtained. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

#### SLUSH AND MUD.

HAPPY VALLEY COURSE.

WILLINGNESS OF P.W.D.

[By Argus.]

In view of the complaints in racing circles of the present state of the race-course, I walked round it the reverse way last evening. This is what I found: A number of earthenware pipes protruding from the bank on the outside of the course, extending from the far end of the public enclosure to past the members' stand had emptied the surplus sand and water onto the race-course because sufficient provision had not been made for this surplus water and silt to drain away.

The consequence is that from the winning post to the mile post (N.B. the direction travelled) is partial swamp and partial slush. From where the culvert is uncovered outside the public enclosure, one reaches sand nine inches below the water level now—a month since the torrential rains. Between the distance post and the 2 furlong post one still finds swampy patches.

From the turn into the straight to the 2 furlong post sand and stones three to four inches in depth are to be found, as the result of the inner wall of the culvert having collapsed. I walked on dry land thence to the 5 furlong post. Between this and the 6 furlong post, the going is greasy and heavy.

From the 6 furlong post past the Golf Club a sea of slime was encountered. A quagmire is the outstanding feature between the entrance to the stables and the winning post. There is a drain near the "inside" rails, which, if cleared, would carry off most of this water. At present the drain's outlet is not even open.

If means are taken at once to drain off the stagnant water, prevent further incursions and put on a large gang of coolies under competent supervision, there will be no need to postpone the gymkhana.

The situation is by no means desperate—all that is necessary is a genuine attempt to repair the damage.

HELP FROM P.W.D.

This morning, at the suggestion of the Colonial Secretary, I called upon Mr. Newhouse of the P.W.D. After he had pointed out the defects in the big culvert and dwelt on the trouble being encountered in clearing it, I ventured the suggestion that if the drain on the inner course was cleared, the situation would be considerably relieved.

Mr. Newhouse invited me to accompany him and point out the spot where I thought the present trouble lay. On visiting the course in company with Mr. Newhouse and Mr. Howell, I showed them the blocked drain and they at once undertook to have it cleared.

It is only fair to state that no representation had been made to them previously. The immediate concern of the P.W.D. has been to clear the culvert in front of the enclosure rails to prevent further flooding of the course, if possible.

Now that they have undertaken to clear the smaller drain to allow the water to run off the grass course, the track should soon be in fair order.

At any rate, provided no heavy rain falls during the next ten days, there will be no more talk of postponing the gymkhana. Owners, riders and trainers can rest assured that the P.W.D. officials are only too ready to help. The present state of the track, I feel certain, is entirely due to a misunderstanding of what was actually the urgent need of the moment.

FOOTPADS.

ARREST MADE.

Residents in that part of Nathan Road, Tsai-tai-tai, near the Indian Mosque at Whitfield Barracks were awakened from their slumbers shortly before 11 o'clock last night when cries of *Gow Meng*, i.e., "Save Life," rent the air.

What had happened was that a Chinese widow, 53 years of age, was returning in company with a male relative to her home at No. 57, Haiphong Road from Yau-mat when three footpads stole up and threw pepper in their eyes. The woman was thrown to the ground but she called for help. Dozing discretion the better part of valor, the would-be robbers made off in the direction of Yau-mat.

Later in the night one of the alleged robbers was arrested.

Since last Thursday the returns of notifiable diseases read: small-pox 2; enteric 2. One Portuguese is down with enteric; the other patients are Chinese.

Sir J. H. Oakley, Mr. P. A. Cox, Mr. G. E. Costello, Rev. and Mrs. J. K. Macdonald, Mr. and Mrs. Templeton, Mr. F. W. Gibbins, Mr. J. C. Greig, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Lay, Colonel Davy, and Mr. M. J. Wells, were passengers on the incoming "Empress of Russia."



# THE TAXI MURDER.

## HOME OFFICE COMMUTES SENTENCE.

The Home Secretary has advised that the sentence of death passed on Alexander Campbell Mason be commuted to one of penal servitude for life.

The Home Secretary has also advised that the sentence of death passed on James Phelan be commuted to one of penal servitude for life.

Over 60,000 signatures had been affixed to the public petition for the reprieve of Mason (who was under sentence of death for the Brixton taxi-cab murder). The petition was presented to the Home Secretary by Mason's solicitor, Mr. R. H. Blythorn.

He was accompanied by Mr. John Robertson, M.P., who previously presented to Mr. Bridgeman the petition signed by members of the House of Commons.

Throughout the country keen interest has been shown in the fight for Mason's life, a fight in which the member for Bothwell has played a prominent part.

In Motherwell, where Mason's grandparents live, doubt of the convicted man's guilt has been freely expressed, and thousands signed the petition for a reprieve.

The Town Council, however, decided to take no action in the matter.

Another hard worker on Mason's behalf has been the Glasgow typist, Miss Jean Stewart, whose letters to the prisoner were commended at the hearing of the appeal.

Phelan was sentenced to death at Manchester Assizes in connection with the murder of the son of the postmistress of a small branch office in Liverpool.

Phelan and another man entered the shop, and the latter presented a revolver at the postmistress.

A son of the threatened woman tackled the man, who shot him. Phelan and his companion bolted, but the former was captured.

**LONDON CRITICISM.**

"In spite of the comment and criticism made over the Home Secretary's action in reprieving the taxi-cab murderer, I still think that he must have had good grounds for doing so," says "Londoner" in the *Evening Standard*. "In any case, no one can doubt that the most anxious consideration went, as always, to this matter. Reprieves are granted on many grounds. Either (1) because, as in the case of child murder before a recent Act of Parliament, the execution to which the criminal reuses the crime is doubtful, or (2) as in the true case on the ground of insanity, or (3) because, as in some cases where the evidence is circumstantial, there is a sufficient amount of doubt to warrant the Home Secretary in abstaining from authorising execution. These last cases are admittedly the least satisfactory, because when there is doubt as to a prisoner's guilt it may always plausibly be argued that it is inhuman to keep him in penal servitude for life.

"In fact, of course, the difference between being alive, even in a convict prison, and being dead is so immense that it may certainly be taken that the reprieve is received with gratitude. The most famous case of the latter kind in recent years was the Stine Morrison case. Now the Mason case is added to it, and I should not be surprised if the prisoner owes his reprieve partly to the cross-examination of the witnesses for the prosecution by his counsel and partly to some doubts in the mind of the Judge. It is, of course, true that an appeal was dismissed by the Court of Criminal Appeal, but that Court has recently taken a very conservative attitude on these matters, and contents itself with seeing that the verdict is good in law, leaving the Home Secretary as the ultimate repository of the national conscience."

The efforts being made in various quarters to establish Mason's innocence are being urged forward, and the *Evening Standard* understands that a sensational statement has been made to Mason's solicitors by a man who declared he was present at the time of the affray.

# GIRL'S RUN OF LUCK.

## 43,840 FROM 21s.

Some singular hands were played at chemin-de-fer in the casino at Deauville.

A girl standing with 21s. played at a small table in the big room. Thirty times in succession she won and by then she had £3,840. After the thirtieth win she stopped playing.

Meanwhile at the big table, No. 4, an American woman took 90 hands in quick succession, each hand being worth £60, or in all £5,400.

When fined £15, with the alternative of two months' imprisonment for assaulting a policeman, Daniel Holland, a labourer, of Woodseats, near Sheffield, snatched four medals he was wearing from his chest and flung them on the desk in front of the magistrates. "That shows the sort of man he is," remarked the presiding magistrate.

# NOTICE TO SHIPPER AND PASSENGERS.

## REJECTED DEPARTURES

# CHINA COAST, ETC.

# SWATOW.

Sept. 26.—O. N. K.	Szechuen.
27.—O. N. K.	Szechuen.
28.—O. N. K.	Szechuen.
29.—O. N. K.	Szechuen.
30.—O. N. K.	Szechuen.
Oct. 1.—O. N. K.	Szechuen.
2.—O. N. K.	Szechuen.
3.—O. N. K.	Szechuen.
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5.—O. N. K.	Szechuen.
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7.—O. N. K.	Szechuen.

# AMOI.

Sept. 27.—O. N. K.	Szechuen.
28.—O. N. K.	Szechuen.
29.—O. N. K.	Szechuen.
30.—O. N. K.	Szechuen.
Oct. 1.—O. N. K.	Szechuen.
2.—O. N. K.	Szechuen.
3.—O. N. K.	Szechuen.
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5.—O. N. K.	Szechuen.
6.—O. N. K.	Szechuen.
7.—O. N. K.	Szechuen.

# FOOCHOW.

Sept. 28.—D. L.	Haifong.
Oct. 1.—D. L.	Haifong.
2.—D. L.	Haifong.
3.—D. L.	Haifong.
4.—D. L.	Haifong.
5.—D. L.	Haifong.
6.—D. L.	Haifong.
7.—D. L.	Haifong.

# SHANGHAI.

Sept. 26.—P. & O.	Gracchus.
27.—P. & O.	Gracchus.
28.—P. & O.	Gracchus.
29.—P. & O.	Gracchus.
30.—P. & O.	Gracchus.
Oct. 1.—P. & O.	Gracchus.
2.—P. & O.	Gracchus.
3.—P. & O.	Gracchus.
4.—P. & O.	Gracchus.
5.—P. & O.	Gracchus.
6.—P. & O.	Gracchus.
7.—P. & O.	Gracchus.

# KEELUNG.

Sept. 26.—T. K. K.	Taiyo Maru.
27.—T. K. K.	Taiyo Maru.
28.—T. K. K.	Taiyo Maru.
29.—T. K. K.	Taiyo Maru.
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7.—T. K. K.	Taiyo Maru.

# TAKAO.

Sept. 27.—O. S. K.	Sosho Maru.
Oct. 1.—O. S. K.	Sosho Maru.
2.—O. S. K.	Sosho Maru.
3.—O. S. K.	Sosho Maru.
4.—O. S. K.	Sosho Maru.
5.—O. S. K.	Sosho Maru.
6.—O. S. K.	Sosho Maru.
7.—O. S. K.	Sosho Maru.

# TSINGTAO.

Sept. 28.—O. S. K.	Yutshing.
Oct. 1.—O. S. K.	Yutshing.
2.—O. S. K.	Yutshing.
3.—O. S. K.	Yutshing.
4.—O. S. K.	Yutshing.
5.—O. S. K.	Yutshing.
6.—O. S. K.	Yutshing.
7.—O. S. K.	Yutshing.

# WEIHAWEI.

Sept. 27.—O. N. K.	Huichow.
Oct. 1.—O. N. K.	Huichow.
2.—O. N. K.	Huichow.
3.—O. N. K.	Huichow.
4.—O. N. K.	Huichow.
5.—O. N. K.	Huichow.
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7.—O. N. K.	Huichow.

# TIENTSIN.

Sept. 28.—O. S. K.	Cheongshing.
Oct. 1.—O. S. K.	Cheongshing.
2.—O. S. K.	Cheongshing.
3.—O. S. K.	Cheongshing.
4.—O. S. K.	Cheongshing.
5.—O. S. K.	Cheongshing.
6.—O. S. K.	Cheongshing.
7.—O. S. K.	Cheongshing.

# CHEFOO.

Sept. 28.—O. N. K.	Huichow.
Oct. 1.—O. N. K.	Huichow.
2.—O. N. K.	Huichow.
3.—O. N. K.	Huichow.
4.—O. N. K.	Huichow.
5.—O. N. K.	Huichow.
6.—O. N. K.	Huichow.
7.—O. N. K.	Huichow.

# HOIHOW.

Sept. 28.—O. N. K.	Yunnan.
Oct. 1.—O. N. K.	Yunnan.
2.—O. N. K.	Yunnan.
3.—O. N. K.	Yunnan.
4.—O. N. K.	Yunnan.
5.—O. N. K.	Yunnan.
6.—O. N. K.	Yunnan.
7.—O. N. K.	Yunnan.

# PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, ETC.

# MANILA.

Sept. 26.—O. N. K.	Taming.
27.—O. N. K.	Taming.
28.—O. N. K.	Taming.
29.—O. N. K.	Taming.
30.—O. N. K.	Taming.
Oct. 1.—O. N. K.	Taming.
2.—O. N. K.	Taming.
3.—O. N. K.	Taming.
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5.—O. N. K.	Taming.
6.—O. N. K.	Taming.
7.—O. N. K.	Taming.

# SANDAKAN.

Sept. 28.—O. S. K.	Mausang.
Oct. 1.—O. S. K.	Mausang.
2.—O. S. K.	Mausang.
3.—O. S. K.	Mausang.
4.—O. S. K.	Mausang.
5.—O. S. K.	Mausang.
6.—O. S. K.	Mausang.
7.—O. S. K.	Mausang.

# JAVA PORTS, ETC.

Sept. 29.—J. C. J. L.	Tijlboet.
Oct. 1.—J. C. J. L.	Tijlboet.
2.—J. C. J. L.	Tijlboet.
3.—J. C. J. L.	Tijlboet.
4.—J. C. J. L.	Tijlboet.
5.—J. C. J. L.	Tijlboet.
6.—J. C. J. L.	Tijlboet.
7.—J. C. J. L.	Tijlboet.

# INDIAN PORTS, ETC.

Sept. 26.—N. Y. K.	Ceylon Maru.
27.—N. Y. K.	Ceylon Maru.
28.—N. Y. K.	Ceylon Maru.
29.—N. Y. K.	Ceylon Maru.
30.—N. Y. K.	Ceylon Maru.
Oct. 1.—N. Y. K.	Ceylon Maru.
2.—N. Y. K.	Ceylon Maru.
3.—N. Y. K.	Ceylon Maru.
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6.—N. Y. K.	Ceylon Maru.
7.—N. Y. K.	Ceylon Maru.

# BOMBAY AND COLOMBO.

Sept. 28.—N. Y. K.	Burma Maru.
Oct. 1.—N. Y. K.	Burma Maru.
2.—N. Y. K.	Burma Maru.
3.—N. Y. K.	Burma Maru.
4.—N. Y. K.	Burma Maru.
5.—N. Y. K.	Burma Maru.
6.—N. Y. K.	Burma Maru.
7.—N. Y. K.	Burma Maru.

# AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

Sept. 28.—N. Y. K.	Tango Maru.
Oct. 1.—N. Y. K.	Tango Maru.
2.—N. Y. K.	Tango Maru.
3.—N. Y. K.	Tango Maru.
4.—N. Y. K.	Tango Maru.
5.—N. Y. K.	Tango Maru.
6.—N. Y. K.	Tango Maru.
7.—N. Y. K.	Tango Maru.

# SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

Sept. 28.—N. Y. K.	Tango Maru.
Oct. 1.—N. Y. K.	Tango Maru.
2.—N. Y. K.	Tango Maru.
3.—N. Y. K.	Tango Maru.
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# JAPAN PORTS.

Sept. 28.—T. K. K.	Taiyo Maru.
Oct. 1.—T. K. K.	Taiyo Maru.
2.—T. K. K.	Taiyo Maru.
3.—T. K. K.	Taiyo Maru.
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# HONOLULU.

Sept. 28.—T. K. K.	Taiyo Maru.
Oct. 1.—T. K. K.	Taiyo Maru.
2.—T. K. K.	Taiyo Maru.
3.—T. K. K.	Taiyo Maru.
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6.—T. K. K.	Taiyo Maru.
7.—T. K. K.	Taiyo Maru.

# AMERICAN PORTS.

Sept. 28.—B. F.	Philippines.
Oct. 1.—B. F.	Philippines.
2.—B. F.	Philippines.
3.—B. F.	Philippines.
4.—B. F.	Philippines.
5.—B. F.	Philippines.
6.—B. F.	Philippines.
7.—B. F.	Philippines.

# VANCOUVER, ETC.

Sept. 28.—B. F.	Philippines.
Oct. 1.—B. F.	Philippines.
2.—B. F.	Philippines.
3.—B. F.	Philippines.
4.—B. F.	Philippines.
5.—B. F.	Philippines.
6.—B. F.	Philippines.
7.—B. F.	Philippines.

# SEATTLE.

Sept. 28.—B. F.	Philippines.
Oct. 1.—B. F.	Philippines.
2.—B. F.	Philippines.
3.—B. F.	Philippines.
4.—B. F.	Philippines.
5.—B. F.	Philippines.
6.—B. F.	Philippines.
7.—B. F.	Philippines.

# LOS ANGELES.

Oct. 3.—U.S.S.B.	West Carmona.
4.—U.S.S.B.	West Carmona.
5.—U.S.S.B.	West Carmona.
6.—U.S.S.B.	West Carmona.
7.—U.S.S.B.	West Carmona.
8.—U.S.S.B.	West Carmona.
9.—U.S.S.B.	West Carmona.
10.—U.S.S.B.	West Carmona.

# SAN FRANCISCO.

Oct. 3.—U.S.S.B.	West Carmona.
4.—U.S.S.B.	West Carmona.
5.—U.S.S.B.	West Carmona.
6.—U.S.S.B.	West Carmona.
7.—U.S.S.B.	West Carmona.
8.—U.S.S.B.	West Carmona.
9.—U.S.S.B.	West Carmona.
10.—U.S.S.B.	West Carmona.

# RIO DE JANEIRO.

Oct. 3.—U.S.S.B.	West Carmona.
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5.—U.S.S.B.	West Carmona.
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# VALPARAISO.

Oct. 3.—U.S.S.B.	West Carmona.
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# PORTLAND.

Oct. 3.—U.S.S.B.	West Carmona.
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# NEW YORK.

Oct. 3.—U.S.S.B.	West Carmona.
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# BRINDISI VENICE & TRIESTE.

Oct. 3.—U.S.S.B.	West Carmona.
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# SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

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# DURBAN AND CAPE TOWN.

Oct. 3.—U.S.S.B.	West Carmona.
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# BARCELONA & VALENCIA.

Oct. 3.—U.S.S.B.	West Carmona.
4.—U.S.S.B.	West Carmona.
5.—U.S.S.B.	West Carmona.
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10.—U.S.S.B.	West Carmona.





Calvin Coolidge and Family.

Here is the very latest photograph of President Calvin Coolidge, taken at the home of his father, in Plymouth, Vermont, where Mr. Coolidge and his family were spending their vacation and from which Mr. Coolidge kept in constant and solicitous touch with the late President Harding in San Francisco. In the group are: Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge and their sons, Calvin, Jr., and John, and John C. Coolidge, the Vice-President's father.



De Grange Murder Mystery.

One of the strangest mysteries of recent years was the murder of Policeman Byron Potter, who was shot to death by a burglar he caught robbing a store. The burglar fled in an automobile belonging to George O. Hinchliffe, a prosperous and highly respected commercial photographer. Bloodhounds, placed on the trail, went four times to Hinchliffe's home and the latter was temporarily arrested. It was found too, that the slayer had broken arches and wore exactly the same kind of shoes as Hinchliffe. Despite this, Hinchliffe showed his automobile had been stolen and completely exonerated himself. He was released with apologies. In the group here shown is Chief of Police Matthews, Sergeant Dan Sullivan, Hinchliffe and Lieutenant Kennedy.



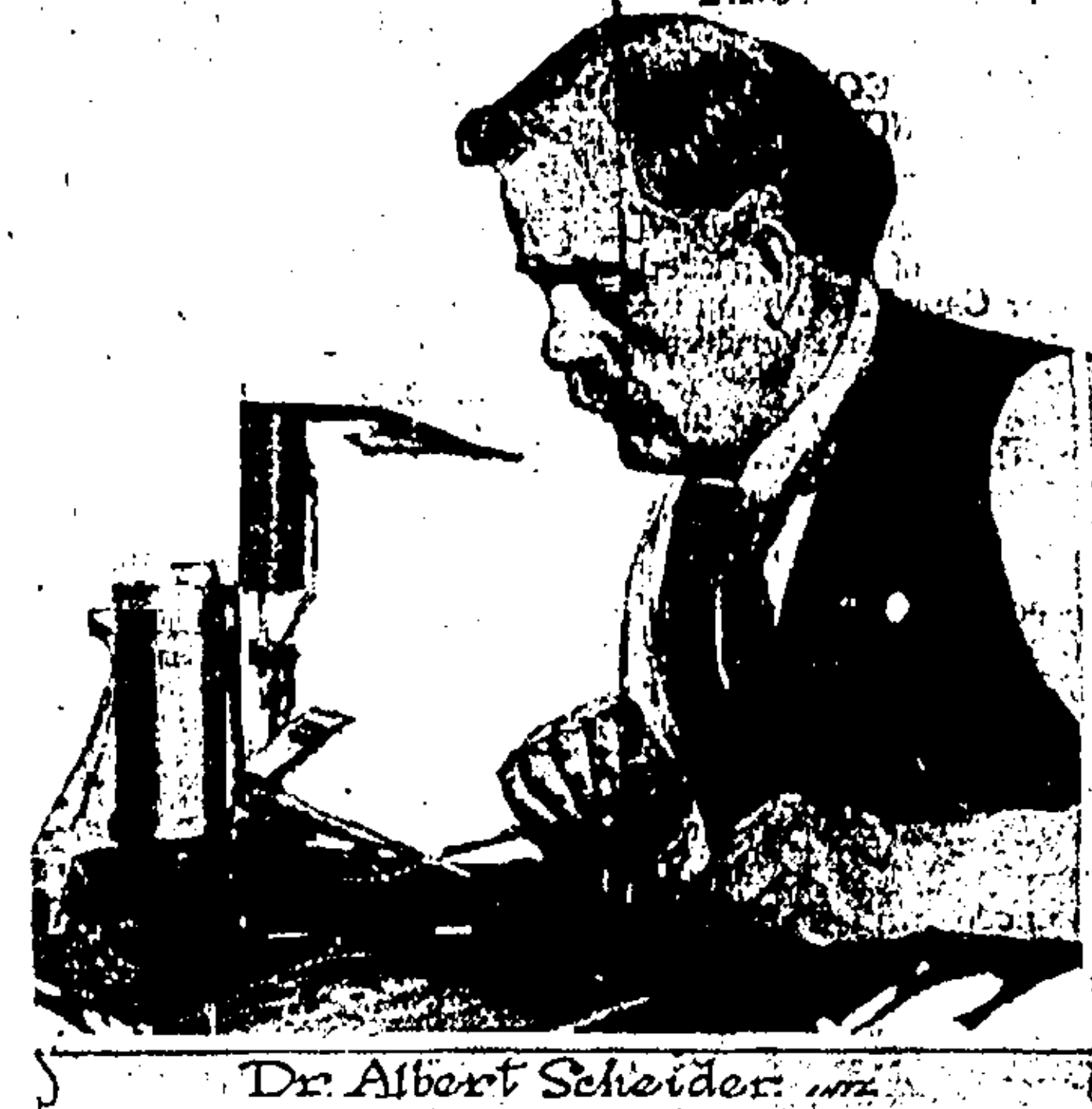
Princess Lievin and Chauffeurs.

The Princess Lievin, member of a former Russian noble family, kin to the Russian royalty, sold some of her almost priceless jewels in order to purchase a Paris garage and provide employment for "gentlemen chauffeurs," former members of the Russian Imperial Guard. Among the gems she disposed of were the famous Orloff pearls, which brought 1,500,000 francs. The Princess is shown here in the garage with some of her chauffeurs, among whom are Colonel Rostchin, Colonel Volkovi in sky, formerly of the Imperial Lancers, Colonel Smagin, Colonel Benois and General Glebodd, a former Russian multi-millionaire landed proprietor.



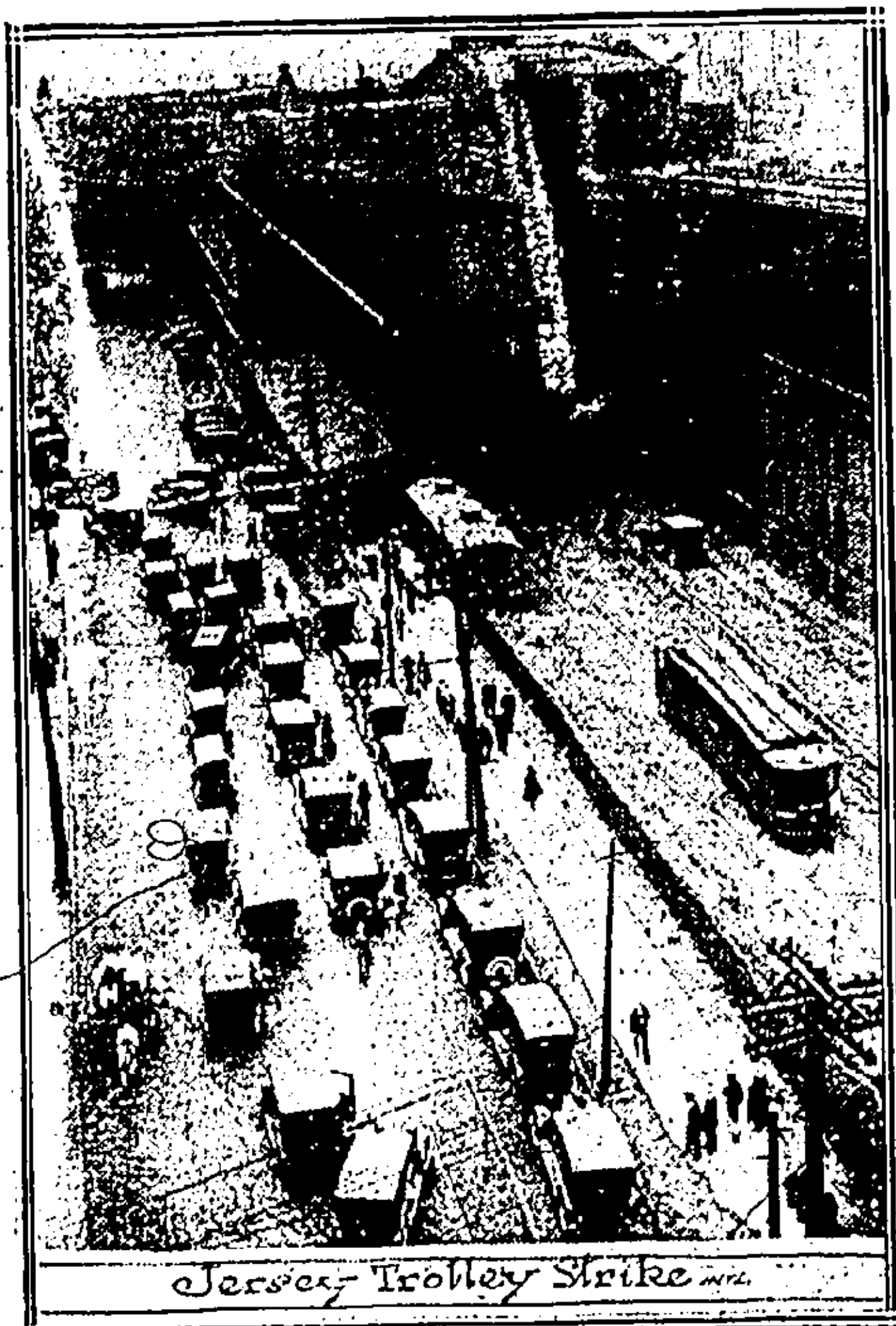
Mrs. Ella P. Flanders, Walter E. Flanders, Miss Annabelle Egel &amp; Mrs. Norma Flanders.

The recent death of W. E. Flanders, multi-millionaire automobile manufacturer, of Detroit, revealed that this shrewd and successful business man left five wives and as many sweethearts. Starting very young in the business world, he was a highly successful manufacturer before he was 30. Shortly before his recent death he made a new will, leaving \$2,500,000 to his fifth and last wife, Mrs. Norma Meyers Flanders, a former artist's model. Mrs. Ella Penny Flanders, Wife No. 3, with her son, is contesting the will. She married Flanders in 1903, in Boston, and divorced him in 1908. She is now forewoman of 25 janitresses in a Detroit office building. Miss Annabelle Egel was Flanders' common-law wife, with whom he lived for many years.



Dr. Albert Scheider.

This "soul searcher" is the latest scientific machine to be employed in criminology in San Francisco. It is known scientifically as the Capillary Electrometer and is the invention of Dr. Albert Scheider, of the Criminology Department of the University of California. The suspect is asked to quote the first words that come to his mind, following a word suggested by the questioner. The suspect's mental vibrations, transmitted through his fingers, are recorded, and if they jump the professor asserts it is a sure sign he is guilty.



Jersey Trolley Strike.

With the strike of 6,300 trolley employees of the Public Service Railway Company, more than 100 cities and towns in Northern New Jersey are without transit facilities, and all the motor buses and private automobiles obtainable were put into service to carry the 1,500,000 persons who daily use the railway.



Lorna Huff, Ursula Raphael &amp; Pearl Brown.

Above are shown three girls who were chosen as the most perfect physically in the Panama Canal Zone. At the right is Pearl Brown, 13 years old, who was adjudged most perfect, with 95 out of a possible 100 points. In the centre is Ursula Raphael, 15, second, with a total of 95 points. At the left is 8-year-old Lorna Huff, third prize winner, with 94 points. All three are expert swimmers.

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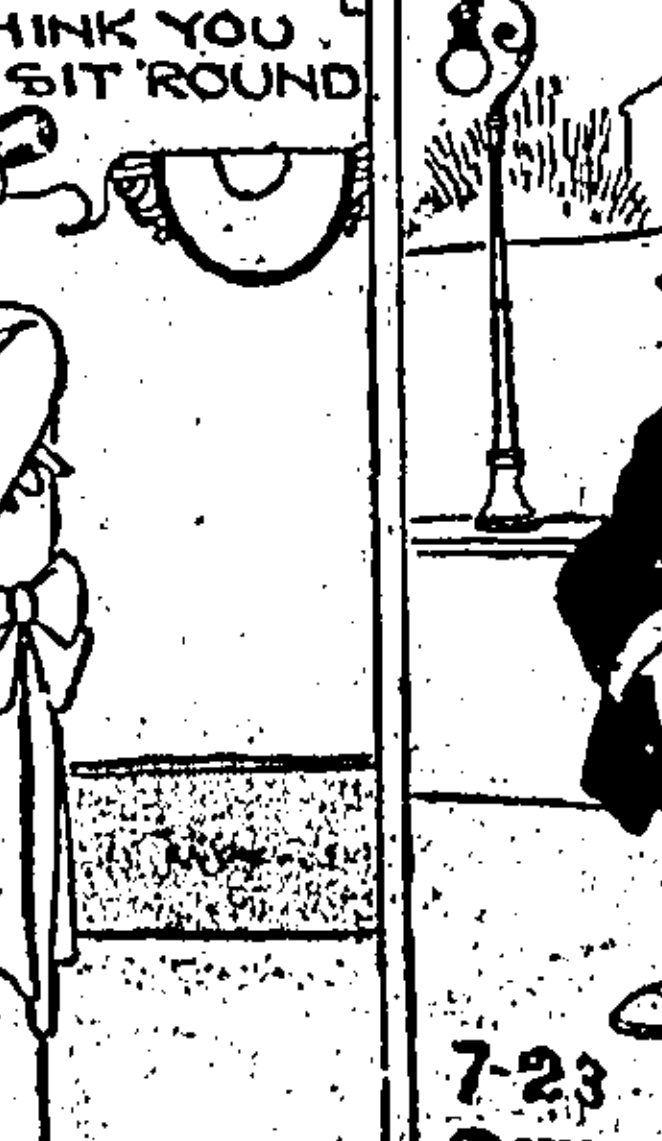
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S. S.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"MANTUA"	10,802	5th Oct.	Blay, Milles, Gib. Ldon & A'werp.
"SUDAN"	6,596	17th Oct.	Shore, Penang, Colbo & Bombay.
"KARMA"	6,596	17th Oct.	Marseilles, London & A'werp.
"CALIFORNIA"	6,522	2nd Nov.	Blay, Milles, Gib. Ldon & A'werp.
"NELORE"	6,852	2nd Nov.	Marseilles, Ldon & A'werp.
"SICILIA"	6,812	14th Nov.	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & B'bay.
"MALWA"	10,941	14th Nov.	Marseilles, Gib. Ldon & A'werp.
"NYANZA"	7,021	24th Nov.	Marseilles, Ldon & A'werp.
"KALYAN"	6,092	30th Nov.	Shore, Penang, Colbo & Bombay.
"SUDAN"	6,596	1st Dec.	Marseilles, Ldon & A'werp.
"DEVANHA"	6,092	14th Dec.	Blay, Milles, Gib. Ldon & A'werp.
"KAISAR-I-HIND"	11,430	26th Dec.	

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S. S.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"RHIVA"	9,937	11th Jan.	Marseilles, Ldon & A'werp.
"MACEDONIA"	11,789	25th Jan.	Shore, Penang, Colbo & Bombay.
"KASHGAR"	8,840	8th Feb.	Marseilles, Ldon & A'werp.
"MOREA"	10,911	22nd Feb.	Blay, Milles, Gib. Ldon & A'werp.
"KARMA"	6,596	7th Mar.	Marseilles, Ldon & A'werp.
"NADIRA"	13,292	21st Mar.	Shore, Penang, Colbo & Bombay.
"DELTA"	9,497	4th Apr.	Marseilles, Ldon & A'werp.
"CHINA"	7,952	18th Apr.	Blay, Milles, Gib. Ldon & A'werp.
"KALYAN"	6,092	2nd May	Marseilles, Ldon & A'werp.
"KASHMIR"	8,860	16th May	Shore, Penang, Colbo & Bombay.

S. S.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"TAKADA"	6,849	5th Oct.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"TORILLA"	5,265	29th Oct.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.

S. S.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"ARAFURA"	6,000	9th Oct.	Manila, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,570	3rd Nov.	do.
"EASTERN"	4,000	1st Dec.	do.

Frequent connections from Australia with the following:-  
The Union S.S. Company's steamers to the United Kingdom via New Zealand  
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The New Zealand Shipping Company's steamers for Southampton and London  
via Panama Canal.

S. S.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"ORACHUS"	3,700	28th Sept.	Shanghai.
"SUDAN"	6,596	30th Sept.	Shanghai.
"MALWA"	10,941	6th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"TORILLA"	5,265	6th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,570	8th Oct.	Moji and Kobe.

All dates are approximate and subject to alteration without notice.  
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### UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

### THE GREAT NORTHERN TELE- GRAPH COMPANY, LTD.

The following unclaimed telegrams  
are lying at the office of The  
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Tanyukon Appeto, from Osaka.  
Julia Hatch, from Peking.  
Biyuna, from Osaka.  
Dabho, from Lyons.  
Kobayashi Chinese Customs, from  
Kratu.  
2703, from Tientsin.  
Tit San-tung Wong Yuk-sung 23 Hing  
Hon Road, from Tientsin.  
George Wei Zui-chung & Co., Wan-  
chai, from Amoy.  
Yuen Luen-shin, from Chefoo.  
Tang Tuen, from Shanghai.  
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Sir, from Waihaiwei.  
Wang Min-fu c/o Sing Hing Koo  
Co., Takfu Street, from Kobe.  
Sui Lung Yu Wo Loong Soohong  
Street, from Shanghai.  
Cheong Hung-chang Great Eastern  
Hotel, from Shanghai.  
Wong Kok Fung Sun Hing Hong,  
from Shanghai.  
2387 (2), from Shanghai.  
Chen Chung-chang c/o Chung-tung  
Bank 214 Queen's Road Central, from  
Shanghai.

N. LUND,  
Act. Superintendent.  
Hongkong, 26th September, 1923.

### EASTERN EXTENSION AUSTRAL- ASIA & CHINA TELEGRAPH CO.

List of unclaimed telegrams lying in  
E. E. Telegraph Office, Hongkong.

Cavell, from New York.  
Marino, from Hongkong.  
Tongri, from Vancouver B. C.  
Mrs. Waddell c/o Blackingins, from  
Sydney.

B. M. MACALEINE,  
Superintendent.  
Hongkong, 9th September, 1923.

### FARES FOR PUBLIC VEHICLES.

The fares prescribed for public vehicles  
are as follows:-  
I.-In the Island of Hongkong, Causeway  
Road and Lower Levels, and in  
Kowloon, and New Kowloon.

### NICKMAH.

Five minutes..... 5 cents  
Ten minutes..... 10  
Quarter hour..... 15  
Half hour..... 20  
One hour..... 30  
Every subsequent hour..... 30

If the jurisdiction be engaged  
within the City of Victoria, and be dis-  
charged outside the Western part of the  
City of Victoria after 9 p.m., or be dis-  
charged to the East of Bay View Police  
Station on the Eastern side of the City  
of Victoria after 9 p.m., an extra half  
fare shall be chargeable.  
For 3 or 4 drivers the fare is double or  
triple respectively.

II.-In the Hill District.  
Ten minutes..... 15 cents  
Quarter hour..... 20  
Half hour..... 30  
One hour..... 40  
Every subsequent hour..... 40

III.-In the New Territories.  
By arrangement with the proprietors  
through the Police.

### GRATES.

I.-Lower Levels.  
With 2 Beavers With 4 Beavers.  
Ten minutes..... 10 cents 20 cents  
Quarter hour..... 15 30  
Half hour..... 25 40  
One hour..... 35 50  
Every subsequent hour..... 25 40

II.-Hill District.  
With 2 Beavers With 4 Beavers.  
Ten minutes..... 15 cents 30 cents  
Quarter hour..... 20 40  
Half hour..... 30 50  
One hour..... 40 60  
Every subsequent hour..... 25 40

### RECLUSE'S £12,000.

### POVERTY IN A HOUSE OF TREASURES.

Although the 10-roomed house  
in which he had lived alone was  
cramped with valuable treasures,  
Mr. R. J. Jackson, of the Grove,  
Camberwell, S.E., died with only  
5s. standing to his credit at his  
bank. Yet the sale of his effects  
realised between £10,000 and  
£12,000.

Mr. Jackson died in a nursing  
home from blood poisoning. He  
was about 70. He never spoke to  
neighbours and invariably wore  
long clerical robes and a skull-cap.  
The house was in a disordered  
state when it was entered after his  
death. Rubbish was everywhere,  
while on the floors were scattered  
valuable books and pictures.  
Above the garage was a private  
chapel where Mr. Jackson used to  
worship.

Among the articles sold at the  
sale were more than 8,000 books,  
nearly 400 pictures, jewellery,  
vestments, a writing-table which had  
belonged to Carlyle, a pair of  
genuine Queen Anne lusters, and  
valuable furniture.

In his will Mr. Jackson bequeath-  
ed to the nation a pair of portraits  
by Rubens. At the sale a small  
unfinished picture by Whistler sold  
for £100.

Mr. Jackson was very eccentric  
and would not part with any of his  
treasures, although there is evi-  
dence that he must often have gone  
hungry. When he bought his house  
some years ago he offered the  
agent a beautiful diamond ring in  
exchange for the deeds. It was not  
accepted, so he told the agent to  
wait while he raised money on the  
ring.

It is stated that Mr. Jackson was  
once a bishop of the Greek  
Orthodox Church in England, was  
a Doctor of Divinity, and a Doctor  
of Philosophy.

### Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

This remedy has no superior as a cure  
for colds, croup and whooping cough.  
It has been a favourite with mothers  
of young children for almost forty years.  
Chamberlain's Cough Remedy can  
always be depended upon and is pleasant  
to take.

It not only cures colds and grip, but  
prevents their resulting in pneumonia.  
Chamberlain's Cough Remedy con-  
tains no opium or other narcotic and  
may be given as confidently to a child as  
an adult. For sale by all Chemists and  
Storekeepers.

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CONSIGNEES of cargo ex above  
steamer are hereby notified  
that a General Average has been  
declared in respect of the above  
voyage of this steamer and that  
they will be required to pay a  
deposit of 60% on the C.F.I. and E.  
value of their cargo and to sign an  
Average Bond at the Offices of the  
Underwriters before delivery can  
be granted.

Saved cargo is expected to  
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"Nanchang" due about 6th  
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to take and pleasant in effect. For sale  
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### APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICES.

### Butcher Meat.

	September 20, 1923.	June 1918.	June 1914.
Best Strickon.-Mol Lung Pa .. lb.	30	24	12
"Prime Cut .. .. .	30	24	12
"Corried.-Ham Ngan Yek ..	36	23	50
"Roast.-Silo .. .. .	30	24	22
"Roast.-Ngan Yek .. .. .	24	20	18
"Soup.-Tong Yek .. .. .	36	20	15
"Soup.-Ngan Yek Pa .. .. .	30	24	22
"Steak Strickon.-Ngan Yek ..	36	30	35
"Sausages.-Ngan Cheung ..	30	28	20
"Sausages.-Ngan No per pair ..	10	10	12
Ballock's Butcher.-Ngan Li ..	60	60	60
Tongue, fresh.-Ngan Li ..	60	60	60
Tongue, corned.-Ham Ngan Li ..	60	60	60
Head.-Nan Tan .. .. .	1.00	1.20	
Heart.-Ngan Sam .. .. .	12	13	14
"Pump.-Silo .. .. .	26	20	18
"Pump.-Ngan Cheung .. .. .	12	10	12
"Kidney.-Ngan Yek .. .. .	12	10	12
"Liver.-Ngan Kow .. .. .	12	10	12
"Tripe (unwashed).-Ngan To ..	6	7	

### Olives, Head and Feet.-Ngan-mat.

Head.-Kow .. .. .	1.00	1.00
Matton Chop.-Kung Pa Kwai ..	28	25
"Leg.-Kung Pa Kwai .. .. .	28	25
"Shoulder.-Kung Pa Kwai ..	36	34
"Saddle.-Kung Pa Kwai .. ..	35	35
Pig's Chubbings.-Chun Cheung ..	2	12
"Bratins.-Chun Cheung .. .. .	12	15
"Fry.-Chun Cheung .. .. .	12	15
"Fry.-Chun Cheung .. .. .	24	20
"Head.-Chun Cheung .. .. .	10	10
"Heart.-Chun Cheung .. .. .	10	10
"Kidney.-Chun Cheung .. .. .	10	10
"Liver.-Chun Cheung .. .. .	10	10
"Pork Chop.-Chun Cheung .. ..	36	35
"Leg.-Chun Cheung .. .. .	36	35
"Shoulder.-Chun Cheung .. ..	36	35
"Fat or Lard.-Chun Cheung ..	22	21
Sheep's Head and Feet.-Young ..	75	60
"Tau-Kau .. .. .	75	60
"Heart.-Young Sam .. .. .	12	10
"Kidney.-Young Sam .. .. .	12	10
"Liver.-Young Sam .. .. .	12	10
"Sucking Pig, to order.-Chun Tai ..	30	30
"Suet, Beef.-Shang Ngan Yek ..	30	24
"Matton.-Shang Ngan Yek .. ..	24	20
"Veal.-Ngan Tai Yek .. .. .	24	20
Sausages.-Ngan Tai Chung ..	28	20
No. 1 .. .. .	32	

### Fish.

Barbel.-Ka Yek .. .. .	42	19	24
Bream.-Pin Yek .. .. .	42	20	18
Canton Fresh Water Fish ..			
"Hoi Sin Yek .. .. .	38	18	18
Carp.-Li Yek .. .. .	40	18	27
Catfish.-Chik Yek .. .. .	40	18	9
Crabs.-Hoi Yek .. .. .	40	20	25
Crabs.-Hoi Yek .. .. .	40	23	28
Cuttle Fish.-Hoi Yek .. .. .	30	16	2
Dab.-Sha Ma Yek .. .. .	70	23	15
Dace.-Wong Hoi Lap .. .. .	20	10	8
Dog Fish.-Tsi To Sha .. .. .	12	10	8
Eel.-Conger.-Hoi Ma Yek ..	52	16	16
"Fresh water.-Tam Shui Yek ..	32	20	18
"Yellow.-Wong Sin .. .. .	32	28	30
Frogs.-Tsi Koi .. .. .	28	32	25
Gardoupe.-Shik Pan .. .. .	60	40	30
Gardoupe.-Shik Pan .. .. .	54	18	15
Hallibut.-Chung Kwan Kap ..	32	18	23
Labrus.-Wong Fa Yek .. .. .	40	22	16
Loach.-Wu Yek .. .. .	52	20	18
Mackerel.-Lung Ha .. .. .	52	32	31
Mackerel.-Chik Yek .. .. .	40	20	28
Monk Fish.-Hoi Yek .. .. .	40	22	28
Monk Fish.-Hoi Yek .. .. .	40	22	28
Parrot Fish.-Hoi Kung Yek ..	35	14	9
Perch.-Tao Lo .. .. .	28	16	15
Pike.-Fa Pan Fong .. .. .	12	16	9
Plaice.-Pan Yek .. .. .	54	38	14
Pomfret.-Black.-Hoi Cheung ..	30	28	29
Pomfret.-White.-Pak Cheung ..	45	30	30
Prawns.-Ming Fa .. .. .	70	38	40
"Pal Fa Sha .. .. .	16	10	14
Ray.-Pal Fa Sha .. .. .	16	10	14
Rock Fish.-Shik Kwan Kap ..	35	12	18
Roach.-Chun Yek .. .. .	42	22	18
Salmon.-Ming Fa .. .. .	72	38	30
Shark.-Sha Yek .. .. .	12	8	10
Shark.-Sha Yek .. .. .	30	10	10
Shrimp.-Hoi Yek .. .. .	75	38	25
Snapper.-Lap Yek .. .. .	75	38	25
Sole.-Tsi To Sha .. .. .	40	22	28
Tuna.-Wu Yek .. .. .	38	22	16
Turbot.-Tsi To Sha .. .. .	40	16	22
Turtles, small fresh water ..	1.20	40	

### Poultry.

	September 20, 1923.	June 1918.	June 1914.
Chickens.-Kai .. .. .	60	30	31
Capons, Small.-Sin Kai .. ..	55	28	20
Capons, Large.-Sin Kai .. ..	60	28	20
Geese.-Ap .. .. .	40	22	22
Doves.-Pan Kow .. .. .	30		
Eggs, Hen.-Kai Tan (country) per doz.	18		
Eggs, Hen.-Kai Tan (fresh) per doz.	20		
Fowls, Canton.-Kai .. .. .	75	38	24
Fowls, Hainan.-Hoi Nam Kai ..	45	28	
Geese.-Nga .. .. .	50	24	24
Pigeons, Canton.-Pak Kap ..	55	30	
"Hollow.-Hoi Hau Pak Kap ..	35	23	
Turkeys, Cook.-Fo Kai Kung ..	55	60	6
Turkeys, Hen.-Fo Kai Na .. ..	50	55	45
Snipe.-Shik Tai .. .. .	28		
Phoasant.-Shan Kai .. .. .			
Quail.-Oon Chun .. .. .			
Partridges.-Che Ku .. .. .			

### Fruits.

Almonds.-Hang Yek .. .. .	40	35
Apples, (California).-Kam Shan ..	30	24
Bananas, (bridge).-Macao.-Sin ..	5	4
"Heung Chai .. .. .	5	4
Cashewnuts.-Young To .. .. .	15	12
Cocoanuts.-Ye To .. .. .	12	10
Lemons, China.-Ling Tung ..	10	7
Lemons, (America).-Kam Shan ..	10	8
Licenses, dried, (small stones) ..	30	25
"Lai Chi Kow .. .. .	30	25
Oranges, (Canton).-Bwai .. ..		
"Shan-shong Tam Ching .. ..		
Oranges, Tim Chang .. .. .		
Pears, (Canton).-Cockling.-Sin Li ..	12	10
Peaches.-Fa Shang .. .. .	12	10
Pineapples, Large.-Hung Tung ..	12	10
Plum, (small).-Ling Tung .. ..	5	3
Pumpkin, (small).-Ling Tung ..	12	10
Walnuts.-Hoi To .. .. .	15	14
Oranges.-Fo Tai Yek .. .. .	39	

### Vegetables, &c.

Artichokes.-Ah Chi Cheuk .. ..	6	7
Beans, Sprout.-Nga Tso .. .. .	b 8	7
"Long.-Tao Koi .. .. .	15	6
Beet Root.-Hung Tsoi Tso .. ..	8	6
Bitter Squash.-Fa Kwa .. .. .	8	6
Brijala, Green.-Ching Yek Kwa ..	8	6
"Red.-Hun Hoo .. .. .	6	6
Cabbage Chinese, (common) ..		
"Kai Tsoi .. .. .	12	5
"(Shanghai).-Ye Tsoi .. .. .	20	12
Cane Shook, bunch.-Kau Shun ..	—	9
Cauliflower (Large).-Ye Tsoi ..		
"(Medium) .. .. .	—	—
"(Small) .. .. .	—	—
Carrots.-Lam Shun .. .. .	lb 12	8
Celery Chinese.-Tong Kung Tsoi ..	12	10
Chillies, dried.-Kon Lat Chai ..	30	25
"Red.-Hung Fa Chai .. .. .	15	10
"Green.-Ching Lat Chai .. ..	10	6
Curry Stalk, English.-Ka Chi Chai ..	lb 10	10
"Lam Ma .. .. .	10	10
Cucumbers.-Oing Kwa .. ..	2	2
Garlic.-Sui Tsoi .. .. .	lb 8	8
Ginger young.-Sun Tse Heng ..	10	7
Ginger, old.-Lo Keng .. .. .	12	10
Horseradish, Shanghai.-Lai Kan ..	72	45
Indian Corn.-Shok Mai .. ..	—	6
Lettuce, Young Shang Tsoi ..	lb 10	1
Water Chertoon.-Ma Tai .. ..	lb 8	8
"Mandarin.-Kwai .. .. .		
"Lam Ma .. .. .	12	10
Mushrooms, Fresh.-Shang Tsoi Ku lb.	—	—
Okroos .. .. .	lb 13	1
Onions, Bombay.-Young Chung Tai lb.	8	6
Onions, Green.-Shang Chung Tai lb.	12	6
Onions, Shanghai.-Shengchop ..		
"Chung Tsoi .. .. .	8	8
Parsley.-Kun Tsoi .. .. .	40	60
Potato, Sweet.-Yau Shu .. .. .	5	3
"Japanese.-Yao Fung Shu Tai lb.	—	3
"American.-Fa Hi Shi Tai lb.	—	6
Pumpkin.-Tung Kwa .. .. .	lb 5	2
Radish.-Hung Lo Pak Tsoi .. ..	5	5
Rhubarb (Fresh).-Tai Wong .. ..	8	—
Shallots.-Kong Chong Tai .. ..	6	8
Sprinkles.-Yin Tsoi .. .. .	8	4
Tomatoes.-Fan Ke .. .. .	11	7
Taroos.-Fu Tsoi .. .. .	6	6
Turnips, Plant, (Long).-Lo Pak ..	8	4
Vegetable Marrow.-Tah Kwa .. ..	5	6
Water Cress.-Sai Young Tsoi ..	10	16
"Lily root.-Lai Ngai .. ..	6	6
"Lam Tsoi .. .. .	8	—



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## LEAGUE FOOTBALL.

## THE FIRST DIVISION MATCHES.

London, September 15.		Sheffield U., 2; Newcastle U., 1.
ENGLISH LEAGUE—DIVISION I.		Scottish League—Division I.
Arsenal, 1; West Bromwich, 0.		Aberdeen, 0; Morton, 2.
Blackburn R., 2; Everton, 0.		Falkirk, 2; Ayr United, 0.
Cardiff City, 1; West Ham U., 0.		Kilmarnock, 2; Hamilton A., 0.
Liverpool, 3; Preston N.E., 1.		Queen's Park, 1; Raith R., 0.
Nottingham F., 0; Burnley, 0.		South Shields, 1; Hibernians, 1.
Southampton, 1; Birmingham, 1.		Hearts, 1; Clydebank, 1.
Stoke City, 0; Chelsea, 0.		Motherwell, 2; Clyde, 2.
Tottenham, 0; Manchester C., 0.		St. Mirren, 2; Dundee, 1.
Wolverhampton, 0; Notts C., 0.		Glasgow City, 1; Celtic, 1.
Wolves, 0; Tottenham, 1.		Rangers, 1; Celtic, 0.
		Partick T., 0; Third Lanark, 1.

## LEAGUE POSITIONS.

## ENGLISH LEAGUE—DIVISION I.

TEAM	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Against	Goals
Cardiff City	6	4	0	2	11	5	10
Wolverhampton	6	4	1	1	8	4	9
Nottingham Forest	6	4	1	1	11	6	9
Southampton	5	3	0	2	7	4	8
West Bromwich Albion	5	3	0	2	10	4	8
Stoke City	5	3	1	1	4	5	8
Blackburn Rovers	7	2	2	4	12	9	8
Sheffield Wednesday	8	2	2	4	8	4	7
Liverpool	6	3	2	1	11	7	7
Nottingham Forest	6	3	2	1	9	8	6
Sheffield United	6	2	2	2	10	9	6
South Shields	6	2	2	2	3	4	6
Chelsea	6	2	2	2	8	10	6
Everton	7	1	2	4	8	13	6
Birmingham	7	2	3	2	8	13	6
Blackburn Rovers	5	2	2	1	6	4	5
Burnley	6	2	2	2	9	12	4
Arsenal	6	2	4	0	6	11	4
Manchester City	6	1	3	2	4	9	4
West Ham United	6	1	3	2	2	6	4
Middlesbrough	5	1	4	0	5	7	2
Preston North End	6	0	5	1	4	15	1

## SCOTTISH LEAGUE—DIVISION I.

TEAM	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Against	Goals
Aberdeen	6	4	0	2	13	4	10
Rangers	4	3	0	1	11	2	7
Partick Thistle	5	3	1	1	7	4	7
Queen's Park	4	3	1	0	6	3	6
Hearts	5	3	2	0	7	3	6
Aberdeen	5	2	1	2	13	7	6
Kilmarnock	5	2	1	2	5	4	6
St. Mirren	5	3	2	0	6	8	6
Celtic	4	2	1	1	4	2	5
Dundee	5	2	2	1	7	6	5
Motherwell	5	2	2	1	8	8	5
Clyde	5	1	1	3	6	11	5
Falkirk	6	2	3	1	6	8	5
Hibernians	5	1	2	2	7	6	4
Greenock Morton	6	2	4	0	7	9	4
Clydebank	6	0	3	3	3	7	3
Hamilton Academicals	5	1	4	0	4	12	2
Ayr United	5	0	3	2	1	10	2
Third Lanark	4	0	4	0	1	8	0

—Reader.

## MILES OF SKULLS.

## LOCKED UP IN THE PARIS CATACOMBS.

How two English visitors to Paris were locked in the catacombs of that city, which are only opened once a fortnight, and only escaped death by removing a lock with a penknife after desperate efforts, was related to a *Daily Graphic* correspondent by one of the victims.

Some two or three miles within the catacombs, which twist and turn through the earth under the gay city, a great iron door gives admittance to the inner catacombs—a vast maze of passages piled high with bones and skulls.

In these inner passages the remains of thousands of corpses, taken from various cemeteries, are stacked against the walls, making an avenue of skulls and moulder bones for many miles.

It was in these inner catacombs that the visitors were imprisoned. Upon returning to the iron door, they found it closed and locked against them. The gendarme, whose duty it is to guard this place, had gone.

THE LOCKED DOOR.  
"At first," said the narrator, "we could not realise what had happened. As there is a similar iron door at the innermost end of the catacombs, we imagined we had walked in a circle. A few differences in the passage, however, told us that such was not the case. The gendarm had forgotten about our being in the inner catacombs, and had locked the door and gone away. The catacombs are only opened once a fortnight, and it seemed

that there was no alternative to spending two weeks locked up with the dead!

"We both had candles, which by this time had burned down to an inch or two. To preserve the light we blew out one candle, and by the light of the other we began to search for a means of escape. Our shouts, instead of attracting attention, merely awoke the echoes of our grim prison. The door was locked with a massive lock of modern design. There was no hope of being able to pick it, even had we possessed any material for so doing. By battering it with a large stone, we endeavoured to break it, but it resisted our efforts.

A PENKNIFF AND FREEDOM.  
"When almost in despair we conceived the idea of removing the lock from the door bodily. It was held in position by two iron struts, fastened to the door by four bolts. It was necessary, therefore, to remove about ten or twelve nuts from the bolts before the struts could be removed. Our only tool was a penknife. The nuts were rusted on the bolts, but by battering them with the stone, we managed to knock off some of the rust and to start the nuts. We found, however, that the bolts turned also, and consequently the nuts would not come off. Eventually we managed to counter this by pressing the bolts with the penknife, while, with broken nails and aching fingers, we slowly unscrewed the nuts. It was now possible to remove the iron struts bodily, which left the lock held in position only by its own action. We knocked it out with the stone, and the door was open. We were free—but the nuts and bolts that were strewn on the ground bore testimony to the difficulties we had faced."

## DE VALERA'S CAREER.

## IRISH REBEL LEADER'S ADVENTURES.

Before this brief appearance in East Clare Emmott de Valera had been in hiding ever since Mr. Cosgrave's active police measures broke up the remnants of the so-called Republican Army.

Although an ardent Sinn Féiner, de Valera was quite unknown to the general public until the Easter rising in 1916. As one of the commanders of the rebels he was sentenced to death. His death sentence was commuted to one of penal servitude for life, but he was released under the amnesty of 1917. In the same year he was made president of the Gaelic League, and in July he was elected M. P. for East Clare. As a Sinn Féiner he did not attempt to sit in Parliament, but in any case he would not have been allowed to as he was an unnaturalised alien.

In 1918 de Valera, whose influence in extremist circles had quickly grown, was arrested for revolutionary activities and was also chosen "President of the Irish Republic." In February 1919 he escaped from Lincoln Gaol and managed to reach New York in the guise of a ship's fireman. His reception in America was mixed though he was given the freedom of New York in 1920 and is said to have raised about £2,000,000 in all for the cause.

His return to Europe was made as secret as his flight. Once again, disguised as a ship's fireman, he landed at the Surrey Docks, London, in December 1920 and crossed over to Ireland.

In the middle of 1921 the negotiations for a meeting with Mr. Lloyd George with the idea of finding some way out of the Irish impasse, were in progress. De Valera appointed plenipotentiaries to deal with a committee of the British Cabinet. It was these delegates, headed by Messrs. Griffith and Collins, that signed the preliminary treaty—a treaty that was at once repudiated by de Valera.

## WITH THE REBELS.

After his failure to carry the Dail with him against the treaty, he resigned the "Presidency" in January 1922 in favour of Mr. Griffith. Henceforward he was a thorn in the side of the Provisional Government. After months of bitter speech-making, Britain was astonished, on the eve of the elections, to find that Collins and de Valera had made a pact whereby each party was to retain so many seats and get so many places in the new Cabinet. But meanwhile the British Government had induced the Provisional Government to bring the draft Constitution into line with the treaty, and this was followed, in spite of the pact, by an overwhelming majority at the Irish elections in favour of the Irish Free State as against the Republicans.

These last two events evidently showed de Valera that his game was up and that the country was determined to accept Dominion Home Rule. De Valera's last act was to throw in his lot with the desperate irreconcilables that rallied round Rory O'Connor.

De Valera was born in New York in 1883. His father was a Spanish American and his mother an Irishwoman from County Limerick. By profession he is a teacher of mathematics. In 1910 he married Miss S. O'Flanagan an enthusiastic member of the Gaelic League.

## PIRATE RAID.

## HAUL OF 200 CASES AND £1,180.

Captain John Simms, of the 72-ton schooner "Dominion Packet," reported that his craft was boarded by rum pirates off Long Island on August 5 and looted of £1,180 and 200 cases of champagne and whisky.

Six pirates in a motor-launch approached, he said, ostensibly to buy liquor. The leader came on board first and sampled the Dominion Packet's liquor, as if he were a legitimate smuggler. He then ordered several hundreds of cases.

Captain Simms states that he turned to make out a receipt and the pirate covered him with two revolvers. At the same moment the marauding crew swarmed over the side and disabled the schooner's crew of 8 men, throwing their weapons into the sea. The only man to resist was the cook, who resisted after being fired upon. The pirate leader then forced Captain Simms to open his cashbox and deliver the £1,180. The raiders forced the schooner's crew to load their launch with the 200 cases.

Three men, according to the captain, remained to guard the rear of the liquid treasure while the motor-launch went to Long Island. Upon its return the approach of a second motor-launch with a powerful searchlight alarmed the freebooters, who leapt into their craft and disappeared.

## THEATRE ROYAL.

## BLUEBEARD'S EIGHTH WIFE.

It is obvious that the French are preeminent in the art of the light farce or comedy and this was made manifest when the Famous Russell Comedy Company staged Alfred Savater's "Bluebeard's Eighth Wife" done into English by Arthur Wimperis. Doubtless a considerable portion of the original has taken place for the ingredients of a French Comedy are all here—delightfully witty dialogue, with a spice of the risqué and the inevitable bedroom scene. In this, Gay Buckley as Count Hubert acquitted himself with honours and his simulation of a muddled state of inebriation with a successful attempt to get into a beautiful pair of silk pyjamas, was as good as anything we have seen of a similar character on the stage. Mr. Beresford Lovett as the forceful John Brown, was uniformly good. His conception of a tremendous personality who knows how to get his own way by the force of character, and with the aid of a loud voice, was very well conceived. His matrimonial excursions, leading from divorce to divorce until he meets his match at the hands of the ingenious, but equally loving Monna, was well done. The ordinary standards of criticism we imagine do not apply to comedies and farces, otherwise we might be disposed to question the reality of the whole thing. It is difficult to imagine John Brown as he is shown to us becoming a changed character. "Can the leopard change his spots?" Miss Nigra Lewis carried off chief honours with a well-timed and deft portrayal of Monna which was very convincing. The early characters, like old soldiers, faded away early in the play, but each gave a good account of themselves, including Norman Thompson as a detective. A Jazz Band provided by the Company convinced us afresh that jazz "music" is like the British Army—it goes a d d long way. We found it difficult to acclimatise ourselves to the light dialogue and the heavy sounds of the band. Still, it seemed to be appreciated by the large audience present, some of whom whistled away the waiting interval moments by dancing in the "foyer," and exclaiming that "Bananatime" was "the best thing" to be staged and there should be a big house to see Nigra Lewis as Paddy.

THEATRE PLATE, 1 MILE—Deluge, Sharpshooter, Chessnut, Mopeko, Silvio, Malvera, Imbros, Chessman, Finvor.

## LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

## ARRIVALS.

Glenogle, (J. M. & Co.) from Singapore.—Kowloon Wharf.  
Prosper, (Fok Tai Cheong) from Saigon.—C17.  
Drufar, (Yuen Seng Fat) from Bangkok.—West Point.  
Kingon, (Po Yan) from Hoihow.—West Point.  
Suiyang, (B. & S.) from Shanghai.—B12.  
Ludwigshafen, (Dollar Co.) from Foochow.—A10.  
Capt. Faure, (M. M. Cie) from Saigon.—A6.

## DEPARTURES.

Yingchow, (B. & S.) for Amoy.—September 25.  
Lushan Man, (N. Y. K.) for Swatow.—September 25.  
Kwangtung, (B. & S.) for Swatow.—September 25.  
Junco, (A. P. C.) for Miri.—September 25.  
Ginyo Maru, (T. K. K.) for Moji.—September 25.  
Lorestan, (Nemaroo) for Swatow.—September 25.  
Yeizan Maru, (M. B. K.) for Takao.—September 25.  
Haihong, (Douglas) for Swatow.—September 25.  
Glenogle, (J. M. & Co.) for Shanghai.—September 25.  
Capt. Faure, (M. M. Cie) for Shanghai.—September 25.  
Ludwigshafen, (Dollar Co.) for Singapore.—September 25.  
Kizawa Maru, (Suzuki & Co.) for Shanghai.—September 25.  
Hiyodori Maru, (Y.K.K.) for Keelung.—September 25.

## INTERPORT SOCCER.

## SHANGHAI KEEN ON RETURN MATCH.

At the annual meeting of the Shanghai Football Association last week, it is reported that "all present were of the opinion that the visit of Shanghai to Hongkong should be repaid with an invitation to the Southern team to come here during the season. It was stated that it would be impossible to show Hongkong any better time than the Shanghai team were given in Hongkong. Accordingly, Messrs. J. A. Quayle and T. W. Wilson were appointed to make "range"ments."

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## FOURTH GYMKHANA.

## BIG LIST OF ENTRIES RECEIVED.

The entries for the Fourth Gymkhana to be run on October 6, and 8, are very satisfactory. We give the first day's nominations below—

WORKINGHAM STAKES 5 FURLONGS.—Sharpshooter, Bluebottle, Yellow Hammer, Ding Dong, Satisfaction, Dahlia, Typhoon King, Fire King, Nivern, Discard, Fern Leaf, The Gambler, Gold Bill, Arlington, Chessman, Finvor.

READING HANDICAP (Races 2 and 5 to be divided by handicapper into classes A and B).—Sharpshooter, Bluebottle, Yellow Hammer, Pawashop, Teashop, Ping Pong, Silvio, Strathfarrar, Diadem, Dahlia, Arizona, Roman Pride, Roman Sparrow, Gold Bill, Silver Bill, In Spite Of, Knockout, Long Nistana, Maine, Dandy Kid, Ding Dong, Satisfaction, Dahlia, Wombat, Lightning, Discard, Fern Leaf, Clover Leaf, Dapper Dan, Tromp, Drake, West River.

THE 4TH GYMKHANA STAKES, 1 MILE.—Wombat, Bandicoot, Petrol King, Starlad, Indestone, Yellow River, Strathfarrar, Orient, Dahlia, Diadem, Dahlia, Country Mouse, Fern Leaf, Clover Leaf, Arizona, Roman Pride, Gold Bill, Silver Bill, Drake, Maine.

BEEF STAKES, 5 FURLONGS.—Sharpshooter, Dandy Kid, Ding Dong, Fire King, Hope Dulcis, Roman Law, Whistling Rufus, Roman Woodcock, Apache Scout, Arlington.

THEATRE PLATE, 1 MILE—Deluge, Sharpshooter, Chessnut, Mopeko, Silvio, Malvera, Imbros, Chessman, Finvor.

BECKHAMPTON HANDICAP, 1 1/4 MILES.—Satisfaction, Dahlia, Cucuburra, Petrol King, Pawashop, Yellow River, Orient, Dahlia, Diadem, Dahlia, Country Mouse, Clover Leaf, Ivy Leaf, Arizona, Dapper Dan, Roman Pride, Roman Woodcock, Gold Bill, Silver Bill, Navajo Scout, Drake, In Spite Of, Maine.

## COMMERCIAL COMMENT.

## THE FESTIVAL SETTLEMENT.

No reports have been made in Nanyang Hong of failures on account of inability to settle up for the Mid-autumn festival today. Most of the large guilds insist on cash payment and hence there has been very little credit to damage. Dulness in most markets has been another quieting factor as it has been difficult to speculate. Mention has been made, however, of applications to extend dates of delivery but this happens all the year round. Little importance is attached to this as genuine obstacles exist in the interior to transporting purchases away.

## METALS TRADE.

Wire Nails.—A lot of 1,200 kegs of 1" to 2" size were booked for indent at \$10 which is considered cheap. Another importer is reported to have followed this up by cubbing an offer of \$9.45 for the 390 usual assortment but it is not expected that this will be accepted. Local prices are steady, dealers asking between \$10.50 and \$10.80 for 390 "usual." Stocks are not above normal but fairly large shipments are either on the way out or will be shipped shortly and a move will have to be made soon.

Steel Bars.—No business and no response to offers called to Japan. Tinplates.—A steady stream of small orders backed up by further inquiries has sent local prices up 30 cents per picul, today's quotation being \$11.80.

Galvanised Sheets.—Steady with a little business.

Corrugated Sheets.—An upward tendency is noticeable in this line despite arrivals from Shanghai at a cost of about 13 cents per lb. for 6 to 9 feet, 10G, 3".

## YOKOHAMA PORT.

## JAPANESE KEEN ON REBUILDING.

Mr. Percy Cox, General Agent for the Canadian Pacific Railway and C.P.S., returned to the Colony on the R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" yesterday. He had been to Kobe to enquire into the damage done to the company's offices in Yokohama. In conversation with a *China Mail* representative this morning, Mr. Cox said that he thought the Japanese Government was just as determined to rebuild Yokohama as a port as it was to restore the capital in Tokyo. With regard to the company's losses at Yokohama, Mr. Cox feared little would be recovered as the offices had been entirely destroyed.

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The N.Y.K. s.s. "Tango Maru" (Australian Line) left Nagasaki for Hongkong on the 23rd Sept. and is expected here on the 27th Sept.

Golfers will rejoice to learn that holes 11, 12 to 18 at Bauling will be open for play next Saturday and the rest of the course a week later.



EARLIER TELEGR. MS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LINCHING OUTRAGE.

PEKING, September 24. The Hanchuan (Chinese Foreign Office) has received a reply to the Linchong Note to Sanhor J. Bataba de Freitas (Brazilian Extraordinary for Portugal) this morning, sending copies later to the chiefs of the diplomatic missions.

It states that the fact that the Note was a collective one, signed by the chiefs of the Diplomatic Body, including those Powers whose nationals were implicated in the crime, has impressed the Government with the sense of its importance.

The very occurrence of the incident cannot be deplored too strongly, and the Chinese Government feels as much indignation as could possibly be felt by the members of the Diplomatic Body.

Although several months have elapsed since the incident, time has not mitigated the sense of outrage with which the Government views it.

It was reassuring to observe that the incident was in no case an anti-foreign demonstration, as it arose from an act of lawlessness on the part of brigands whose object was robbery and the capture of innocent passengers as hostages, as a means to compel the raising of the siege by Government troops of the bandit stronghold at Photzau.

The united voice with which the Government and people of China condemned the incident, as well as the vigorous measures taken to pursue the bandits and to secure the spirit of friendship which China entertains towards foreign nationals within her territory.

CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF THE FACTS OF THE CASE LEADS TO THE CONCLUSION that no liability for damages can be predicated against the Chinese Government; but in view, however, of the circumstances attending their capture as well as the suffering and indignities sustained by them in consequence thereof, the Chinese Government desires, of their own accord, to do the fullest measure possible of what is equitable in the way of reparation for the foreign victims of this incident. For this purpose they are ready to accept as a basis for classification of the assessment the three categories of damages outlined in His Excellency's Note.

The reason for the progressive increase in the amount of compensation from week to week for the captives during the period of captivity is not clear, since the delay was due to the adoption of negotiation with the bandits as the safest means of effecting their release, which course was followed in harmony with the wishes of the diplomats. As regards the consequential damages, the Government cannot include these in the basis for assessment of compensation which they propose to give foreign nationals who are justly entitled thereto.

The Government find it difficult to give concession to the guarantees for the future, as proposed by the Powers, and hope that the Diplomats will reconsider their views regarding the fiscal protocol of 1901 which does not appear applicable.

The bandit attack on the express train was directed against Chinese and foreign passengers without distinction, and it was not anti-foreign in character, nor was there any evidence of official connivance.

The desire of the Diplomats to see necessary reforms effected in the system of railway protection, coincides with the policy of the Chinese Government, which has adopted measures designed to attain that object, and in addition the Chiao-tungu will reorganize the special railway police under foreign officers.

QUAKE IN PERSIA.

LONDON, September 25. The earthquake mentioned by Reuter's Cairo correspondent, was also recorded at West Bromwich and Aberdeen. Bearings indicate that the centre was in Persia. The seismic records were not so severe as those of the Japanese upheaval.

HOT WEATHER PERILS AND THE BABY.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

GENERAL SMUTS IN LONDON.

LONDON, September 24. General Smuts has arrived to attend the Imperial Conference. On arrival at Southampton he gave an interview to Reuter's representative, in which he emphasized that South Africa was in complete harmony with the Imperial Government's policy towards Europe, and he rejoiced that there was a more hopeful spirit in the communications passing between Premier Baldwin and Poincare. It was most heartening to see the unanimity with which the powers, both great and small, followed the British lead in supporting the League of Nations when challenged by Italy in the Italian-Greek incident, which might prove the turning point in the fortunes of the League. He dwelt upon the expenditure incurred in South Africa in connection with the extensive programme of internal development. This expenditure would be fruitless, he said, unless South Africa secured a larger field for the sale of her products. He convinced his colleagues that the Economic Conference would find the Imperial Government sympathetic and prepared to meet the representatives of the dominions in the drawing up of a scheme of inter-Imperial trade, which would be mutually beneficial. He anticipated great developments in the Empire in cotton growing within the next few years.

POLISH SYMPATHY.

WARSAW, September 24. Warsaw's warm feelings towards Japan, occasioned largely by the assistance the Japanese Red Cross and other societies rendered to Polish refugees and orphans after the Russian revolution, are being given prominence in connection with earthquake relief funds formed to provide help mostly in kind, on account of the worthlessness of the bank and include a committee of Polish children, which has been formed to send gifts to Japanese children.

THE WATER SUPPLY.

Level and Storage of water in reservoirs in the 1st September 1923. CITY AND DISTRICT WATER WORKS. 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